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LAST ORDERS FOR DARLING

By **TONY PATEY & PETER BOYES**

THE boss of Britain's oldest brewer has accused the Government of trying to "annihilate" the nation's pub industry.

Jonathan Neame, the chief executive of Shepherd Neame, launched the attack on Chancellor Alistair Darling amid a growing backlash against heavy new duties imposed on beer and wine in the recent Budget.

Mr Neame also predicted the price of a pint would rise to £4 within five years.

And he said the company would "fully support" any of its licensees who wanted to join a national internet campaign to ban Mr Darling from every pub in Britain.

Brewers and landlords are furious with the Chancellor after he hiked up alcohol taxes by 9.1 per cent, which they warn will lead to more pub closures.

The increase had seen an extra 4p on a pint, 14p on a bottle of wine and 55p on spirits.

Mr Neame told Kent on Sunday: "The Government is putting up alcohol duties at the rate of two per cent above inflation every year for five years. We believe this will massively accelerate the problem of binge drinking and will drive a significant number of pubs nationally to the wall.

"Why are hard-working people wanting to have a sociable time being penalised?"

He added: "It is astonishing and disappointing that the Government tries to annihilate



ATTACK: Jonathan Neame

Brewer hits out at Chancellor over decision to increase wine and beer duty

one of the things that should be a growth sector for the country."

Mr Neame said he understood the depth of feeling in the industry that has led many pub bosses to ban the Chancellor from their premises.

He added: "While Shepherd Neame would fully support any of its licensees that independently choose to take such action, we are keen to get Mr Darling into pubs.

"The Government's failure to recognise that supporting the pub and brewing trades is in Britain's social, cultural and economic interest is a result of its being totally out of touch.

"Shepherd Neame would like to see Alistair Darling and his fellow Cabinet members in their local pub so they can witness first-hand the enormous contribution

pubs make to communities."

Mr Neame is a leading figure in this country's brewing industry. He is chairman of the duty panel of trade body, the British Beer and Pubs Association, which lobbies on behalf of British brewers and pub groups.

Ahead of the Budget, the panel told Mr Darling that it was in the interests of the country that drink policy should promote the moderate consumption of lower-alcohol beverages in a controlled environment – or beer in pubs.

Mr Neame said: "The current taxation policy is encouraging those who abuse alcohol, such as binge drinkers and alcoholics, to purchase their alcohol in the 'off' trade.

"These individuals are not drinking traditional ales; they are buying high-strength



BACKLASH: Alistair Darling

cider and hard liquor, such as vodka."

In response to Mr Neame's broadside, the Treasury issued a statement.

It read: "Alcohol has become increasingly more affordable since 1997, as real incomes have risen and the UK's economy has experienced a long period of economic growth.

"Today alcohol is 25 per cent more affordable than it was a decade ago.

"With the increase in duty, alcohol will be still be more affordable in real terms than it was in 1997.

"Increased revenues from alcohol will play a part in ensuring we can continue to tackle child poverty, support every family, and provide vital help to the most vulnerable members of society, even at this time of global economic uncertainties."

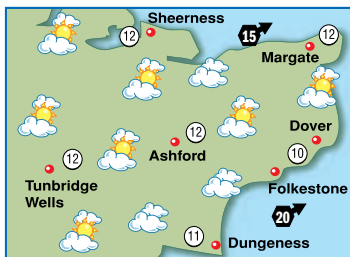
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Kent today



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TONIGHT: Dry with variable cloud cover and clear intervals. There will be a moderate south-westerly wind. Min temp 4-7°C (39-45°F).

Around Britain

	°C	°F		°C	°F
Aberdeen	cloudy	11 52	London	showers	11 52
Belfast	showers	13 55	Liverpool	cloudy	13 55
Birmingham	cloudy	11 52	Manchester	showers	11 52
B'mouth	showers	12 54	Newcastle	rain	10 50
Bristol	showers	10 50	Norwich	showers	13 55
Cardiff	showers	12 54	Oxford	showers	12 54
Cork	rain	9 48	Southsea	cloudy	12 54
Edinburgh	showers	11 52	S'hampton	showers	11 52
Glasgow	rain	10 50	Southport	sun	—
Isle of Man	showers	10 50	Swansea	showers	10 50
Leeds	rain	9 48	Torquay	cloudy	11 52

Sun & moon

Sunrise	6.34am	Sunset	7.26pm	Lighting up times:
Moonrise	3.55am	Moonset	11.00am	7.26pm to 6.32am

High Tides

	today	tomorrow
	ht (m)	ht (m)
Dover	04.51 5.0 17.41 5.0	06.41 4.8 19.25 4.9
Margate	06.06 3.8 18.29 3.6	07.30 3.6 20.02 3.6
St Mary's	10.50 3.9 23.46 4.0	— 12.45 3.8

Week ahead

monday Isolated showers. max 12C min 5C	thursday Sunny spells. max 13C min 6C
tuesday Dry and bright. max 13C min 7C	friday Isolated showers. max 12C min 5C
wednesday Some sunshine. max 13C min 7C	saturday A few showers. max 10C min 4C

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PRAISE: Major David Garner (right) said the soldiers had done an 'exceptional' job helping the Afghan people rebuild their infrastructure

Welcome home

Crowds line streets for homecoming parade for troops returning from tour of duty in Afghanistan

By **JAMIE MCGINNES**

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WELL-WISHERS lined the streets of Maidstone to welcome Kent soldiers back from Afghanistan.

Around 330 troops from 36 Engineer Regiment marched through the county town in a cold and wet homecoming parade on Friday.

Major General Keith Cima presented the men with medals for their sixth-month tour of the dangerous Helmand Province.

The general said that the troops had "helped to make Afghanistan a better place for her people".

"You have undergone the fear, the fun and the challenge of operational service," he added.

Clear

"Is it worth it, what we did in Afghanistan? I'm absolutely, unequivocally clear that the answer to that is 'yes'."

Around 500 friends and family of the soldiers watched as the men were given medals at Invicta Park Barracks.

Maj Gen Cima said it was important to spare a thought for the two soldiers from the regiment who died during the tour - Lance Corporal Jake Alderton, 22, and Corporal Ivano 'Sean' Violino, 29.

"Good men, good soldiers," he said. "I know that they won't be forgotten."

In December, the regiment was involved in the recapture of the Taliban's most strategically important stronghold in the region, Musa Qala.

They have also helped the Afghan people build new schools and bridges.

Major David Garner, 39, regimental second



SUPPORT: The Larner family were on hand to welcome back father-of-two Staff Sergeant Scot and pay their respects to the soldiers from 36 Engineers who died during the tour

in command, told Kent on Sunday that the soldiers had done an "exceptional" job.

Melanie Larner, from Brompton, near Chatham, is married to a soldier who was on the Afghan tour, Staff Sergeant Scot Larner.

The mother-of-two said: "It's so important that we're here to support not only him but the other soldiers who are here and those who haven't come back."

In an article in The Spectator this week, Adam Holloway, Tory MP for Gravesend, claimed that the campaign is failing in southern Afghanistan.

The member of the Commons' defence select committee, and former soldier, said that a "realistic long-term policy" was needed,

which should include talking to the Taliban. "Our current policy is only winning fire-fights."

"Not all Taliban fighters and commanders are irreconcilably opposed to talking about peace. 'The Taliban' is not some mediaeval force born out of nowhere. They need to be brought into the political process, not bombed out of it."

Around 550 soldiers from the Canterbury-based Argyll and Sutherland Highlanders, were sent to Afghanistan this month.

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From Swanley to Indiana and back

Mean Ford's jackets not so lean now

By **PHIL REILLY**

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IT MAY be a long way from Hollywood, but since the late 1970s movie star Harrison Ford has been wearing jackets on the big screen that were designed and made in Swanley.

Peter Botwright, 63, the owner of Wested Leather Co, first met the Star Wars and Indiana Jones star ahead of the 1979 film *Hanover Street*. It was the start of a relationship that has spanned the last three decades.

Mr Botwright designed and made the leather jacket 65-year-old Ford wore in that film, and has since created the jackets he has worn in the three Indiana Jones blockbusters.

The tailor described the star as "a very nice, pleasant man".

"I wouldn't say I know him well but he has always been very nice," he said.

And the *Blade Runner* star's fame is not the only thing to have grown during the time Mr Botwright has known him.

"The jackets have been getting slightly bigger - he used to be lean and mean, now he's just mean."

He was also asked to come up with a new version of the jacket for the star to wear when he returns as the maverick archaeologist in this summer's *Indiana Jones and the Kingdom of the Crystal Skull*.

Vader

Unfortunately for Mr Botwright, as the latest instalment in the series was filmed in America, as opposed to the previous three, which were shot in part at Elstree Studios in Hertfordshire, he was not asked to make the jacket.

Mr Botwright has also designed costumes for a host of other memorable films, including Darth Vader's cape and Stormtrooper costumes for the *Star Wars* movies, James Bond outfits for Roger Moore and Timothy Dalton, Robbie Coltrane's outfit for the *Harry Potter* films and Dudley Moore's costumes for *Santa Claus - The Movie*.

"I didn't set out to make costumes for films," he admitted. "The first we did was for a series called *Winds of War* with Robert



Picture: PHIL HOUGHTON

COSTUME DESIGNER: Peter Botwright, above, has supplied jackets for Harrison Ford's films for 30 years

Mitchum. They asked if we could make a jacket and we said yes. The costume company said, 'what else do you do?'"

His work can also be seen regularly on British TV, having designed the white jacket worn by Keeley Hawes in *Ashes to Ashes* and a number of costumes for *EastEnders* and *Dr Who*.

As well as making costumes for films and television programmes, a large part of the business is selling replica Indiana Jones jackets to fans.

Mr Botwright admitted the hype surrounding the new film has boosted his business.

He added: "[Indiana Jones] has always been good to us. Lots of people buy the jacket and we sell a lot through the internet."

"Recently it has gone absolutely crazy. We're sending out something like 50-100 jackets a week."

For more on Mr Botwright's company or to buy your own Indiana Jones jacket, visit www.indyjacket.co.uk.

Josie speaks about the fatal attack on mum and sister

JOSIE Russell has given her first full interview since the brutal attack that left her for dead and killed her mother and little sister.

Josie, who turned 21 this week, narrowly survived the horrific attack by Michael Stone in 1996 when she was just nine years old.

Mother Lin, 45, little sister Megan, six, and Josie were attacked as they walked to their home in the east Kent village of Chillenden from a swimming gala.

Stone was given three life sentences but has always denied the murders and the attempted murder of Josie and is awaiting leave to appeal for a third time.

Josie, who is now a student in Bangor in Wales, has spoken to the BBC for a One Life documentary to be shown on Tuesday.

Recovery

Following the attack, doctors feared she would be left brain damaged and unable to lead an independent life.

She said she has never understood the extent that her injuries have affected her life.

She said: "I've never really wanted to talk about it before because I was only nine when it happened, but now I think I'm ready to find out more about what happened to me and how it affected who I am today."

She told the film-makers that she wonders what Megan would be like if she was alive now. She would be 19.

Josie said: "It's weird, I can't remember loads about either of them. It's mostly just memories from photos and it's like I want to go back to being seven because Lin and Megan were alive then and I was really happy."

In the documentary, Josie meets up with people who were instrumental in her recovery, such as King's College Hospital specialist Dr Marion Crouchman and police officers Edwin Tingley and Pauline Hobson Smith.

• *Josie's Journey* will be shown at 10.35pm on Tuesday on BBC One.

Band have a secret feeling

CHART-TOPPING pop band The Feeling are heading to Kent tomorrow for an exclusive secret gig in a small venue.

The band, whose hits include *Sewn*, *Fill My Little World*, *Never Be Lonely* and *Love It When You Call*, will be performing in front of just 200 fans in Dover, but organisers are keeping tight-lipped about the venue.

They will be following in the footsteps of Natalie Imbruglia, Jamie Cullum, James Morrison and Will Young as part of Invicta FM's excellent Live at the Local series.

Tickets are not on general sale and the only

way to get hold of them is to take part in an Invicta FM competition. To enter, visit www.invictafm.com/liveatthelocal.

The Feeling's debut album, *Twelve Steps and Home*, has sold more than 1.5 million copies since its release in 2006 and the band have just released the follow up, *Join With Us*.

Fill My Little World was also nominated for Best British Single at last year's Brit Awards.

Before they were famous they performed for several years as a covers band at venues across the Alps during ski seasons.



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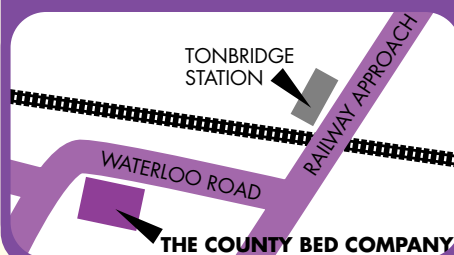
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STATE VISIT:
Nicolas Sarkozy
and his wife Carla
Bruni-Sarkozy in
Britain this week

Sarkozy's silence over strike action But Calais deal is made

By **PHIL REILLY**

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THE British and French governments have agreed to work together to tackle immigration issues at Calais and prevent a new Sangatte-style centre for illegal immigrants.

However, on Friday the Government was unable to confirm whether British ministers took their French counterparts to task over the industrial action that frequently cripples Kent's roads.

The French president Nicolas Sarkozy made his first state visit to Britain this week, accompanied by his glamorous wife Carla Bruni-Sarkozy and ministers of state.

A 38-page joint statement issued by the British and French governments pledged co-operation on a wide range of issues.

It promised to toughen immigration controls at Calais and agreed to work together to ensure no new Sangatte-style centres are built.

The Red Cross camp at Sangatte, which closed in 2002, was used as a base for thousands of immigrants to try and enter the UK illegally.

The statement said: "Together we will strengthen the security and quality of border controls at Calais by carrying out a joint security audit, reinforcing security fences around the port, and launching a joint study on creating a fast-track system to lighten controls on specific goods vehicles.

"[We will also] co-operate to ensure there is no new permanent centre for migrants at Calais or elsewhere on the Channel coast."

The immigration deal was hammered out between UK Home Office minister Liam Byrne and the French immigration minister Brice Hortefeux at a meeting at Arsenal's Emirates stadium on Thursday.

The statement makes no commitment to resolve the recurring problems caused by French industrial action.

A strike by officers on SeaFrance ferries was largely responsible for Operation Stack being implemented a record 16 consecutive days from February 28.

The operation, in which lorries are queued on stretches of the coastbound M20, caused huge disruption to Kent motorists and cost businesses an estimated £8 million.

On March 7, shortly before the strike was resolved, Kent County Council leader Paul Carter wrote to President Sarkozy to make him aware of the chaos caused by the strike action and asked for compensation claims by UK businesses to be honoured.

Kent on Sunday has been in contact with the Elysee Palace since Cllr Carter's letter was sent, but so far there has been no official response.

In response, a KCC spokesman said: "We note this communique with interest. We will of course keep lobbying the Department for Transport and the European Commission through Richard Ashworth MEP on reaching a solution. At the same time we will continue driving ahead with the preferred location for an M20 lorry park."

In the statement it was also announced the two governments would work together on issues of counter-terrorism, nuclear energy and proliferation and reforming international institutions such as the G8 and Nato.

The statement vowed to help relieve poverty and improve education in Africa, tackle development and climate change issues and co-operate to bring stability to the Balkans and the Middle East.

It expressed joint concerns about the situations in Sudan, Zimbabwe and pledged to increase pressure on the regime in Burma if it ignores international demands.

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Howard's M20 lorry questions

FORMER Conservative leader Michael Howard has said there are "questions to be answered" about Kent County Council's plans to build a lorry park off the M20.

Mr Howard, Tory MP for Folkestone and Hythe, was due to chair a public meeting of the newly formed Lorry Park Alliance opposition group yesterday.

The plan would see a 3,000-capacity lorry park just off the M20 between the villages of Sellindge and Aldington and would cost up to £40 million.

The alliance is made up largely of residents from Aldington and other villages and has been backed by some parish and district councillors.

Mr Howard said: "I have been working towards a solution for this problem for some time. They're going to pilot the moveable barriers scheme in the year and we'll have to wait to see how those work. I doubt they will provide a total solution.

"[The lorry park] is a solution, but I think there are questions to be answered."

Mr Howard said he had concerns about "details" such as access to the site, potential light and noise pollution, whether it would end the practice of lorries parking in lay-bys and whether it would be big enough.

KCC said the plan was backed by transport consultant MDS Transmodal, which has carried out a study into cross-Channel lorry movements.

KCC said it is hoping to build a further two lorry parks at sites on the A2/M2 corridor and near the M25. It is hoping to announce its preferred sites in around six weeks.

The authority has also confirmed it looked at five possible sites before settling on the space between Sellindge and Aldington. These included the County Showground at Detling and an area near Dover, but both were considered unsuitable.

A KCC spokesman said the details of the plan would be part of a planning application which could be submitted within the next six weeks.

He added: "The planning process is rigorous and would involve full consultation. We are also required to put in an environmental appraisal which would be done over a whole year."

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How so-called recreational drug turned academic into nervous wreck at 21

'Cannabis ruins lives and people still won't admit it'

By **JENNA PUDELEK**

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SMOKING cannabis led a bright, popular student and Oxbridge candidate into a spiralling nightmare of severe mental illness.

Mark Simons, who lives in west Kent, began smoking the class C drug when he was 17 while at a prestigious grammar school and on the verge of winning a place to read English at Oxford University.

The talented writer and musician has not smoked cannabis for 10 years now but it caused him to be sectioned twice and spend long spells in mental health hospitals after developing drug-induced psychosis.

"Turn on, tune in, drop out, is a motto for drug taking, but who wants to drop out?" asked Mr Simons, now 34.

Links

Our interview with Mr Simons – not his real name – is the latest in a series of articles looking at possible links between cannabis use and mental health problems.

Since the Government reclassified cannabis as a Class C substance in 2004, there has been a growing body of research raising concerns about the effects of the drug – especially the super-strong skunk variety.

In 2005, Avshalom Caspi and Terrie Moffitt from the Institute of Psychiatry at King's College London identified a common genetic profile that makes cannabis five times more likely to trigger schizophrenia and other psychotic disorders.

Their findings can explain why some people smoke cannabis and suffer little ill effect, but others are left with enduring and severe mental health problems.

Mr Simons said: "I had started to lose interest in my academic career – I think this is one of the first signs. If I had not been on the cannabis I would have made it to Oxford."

"It came to my A levels and I had not done any revision because I had been smoking cannabis and I did not make it to the exams."

"It was apathy and generally I had dropped out of life. And I think everyone does drop out along the line."



DAMAGING: Medical experts are concerned over the effects regular cannabis use, especially of the super-strong skunk variety, can have on the mental health of users Picture posed by a model

He was in a rock band and said that with music often comes drugs; he wanted to experiment with LSD and ecstasy.

At 21 he had a nervous breakdown.

Mr Simons' parents Samantha and Jim discovered his problem and talked to their GP. They hoped he would go back to his studies after quitting the drug.

His mother told of the day she realised something much more serious and sinister enveloping her son.

"He had been up late writing songs with

another band member. The next morning, as I cleared away the debris of their late night session, I found a slip of paper bearing the word 'weirdo'. On looking again I read 'weirdo I belong'.

"I froze as I read the play on words. It made me realise how frightened he had been feeling lately."

She said that he began to stay up all night, unable to sleep and suffering from terrifyingly vivid hallucinations.

Mrs Simons said she would sit with him

drinking tea, listening to his delusions and trying not to upset him further.

He spent two months in a private mental hospital and things were better for a while, but then he had a second more serious breakdown five years later.

Mr Simons said: "I was in a band again and drugs crept back in. I know there are kids now on the street who can buy ecstasy for £2. It was £15 when I used to do it. I think that is a disaster waiting to happen."

"It is not so bad taking up smoking cannabis at the age of 25 but in adolescence you're developing emotionally and physically and it is a problem for mental health."

NHS research shows that there is an increased chance of developing psychosis if people use it during their teens.

He went on to be sectioned twice.

Psychiatrists have now found medication that works for Mr Simons, which he has to take indefinitely, and he has not been readmitted to a mental health ward.

He added: "It caused a lack of concentration. I also had anxiety and hallucinations but that is under control now."

Moral panic

"I still play [the guitar] but I just try and live a relaxed life. I have wasted such a big chunk of my life I'm just working on getting my focus back and getting back on my feet."

"If the Government ever thought about legalising it there would be a moral panic because it ruins lives and people still won't admit it."

We agreed to not name the family in this story to protect members from the stigma that is still attached to mental illness.

His mother said: "I've watched people who have known him since childhood pull their grandchildren away from him in the village shop."

"Like most people with his problems he is a very gentle, sensitive person."

"He has never shown any inclination to harm anyone – only himself."

Treatment of psychosis is aided by early diagnosis – if you are concerned about yourself or a loved one contact the NHS in Kent's Early Intervention in Psychosis teams.

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HAND hygiene is vital if superbugs are to be wiped out, a Conservative front-bencher has said.

Greg Clark, the MP for Tunbridge Wells, said he was delighted to back KOS Media's Clean, Safe, Healthy campaign to combat healthcare-acquired infections in Kent.

He said: "Never has there been so much concern about infection in our hospital wards and never again will we have such a great opportunity locally to take lasting action against killer diseases such as Clostridium difficile and MRSA."

Mr Clark has joined the award-winning publisher in its drive to raise awareness about superbugs and show that everyone can help hard-working NHS staff in their fight against infections.

The message is simple: everyone in healthcare centres should wash their hands with soap and water regularly

'We all have a responsibility to stop infections'



SUPPORT:
MP Greg
Clark in the
Commons

and use the alcohol gel provided.

The shadow minister for the Cabinet Office said the Government's announcement last week that approval had been given for a new private finance initiative hospital in west Kent was tremendous news.

Mr Clark added: "This state-of-the-art, hospital will catapult local hospital facilities into the 21st century, while the single-roomed accommodation – replacing the often cramped and unsuitable conditions – will per-

haps provide the greatest advance against infection it is possible to take."

The MP praised work undertaken so far at Maidstone and Tunbridge Wells NHS Trust's Maidstone and Kent and Sussex hospitals in the wake of the damning Healthcare Commission report into two outbreaks of C diff that killed 90 patients.

"Action in the aftermath of the C diff tragedy has also been impressive. The new director of infection prevention and control Dr Sara Mumford and her team have made significant advances and I am delighted to see the improvements already being made in reducing infection rates.

"But we must not be complacent," he said. "General cleanliness – washing hands before visiting hospitals and using the alcohol handwash – is essential if the 'zero tolerance' of infection is to become a reality. We all have a responsibility in hospital to ensure infection is not spread."

He added: "I congratulate KOS Media on this campaign and urge everyone to be Clean, Safe and Healthy as we look forward to a new era of hospital services in the county."

Shelter asks minister to back affordable homes

MINISTER for the South East Jonathan Shaw met with clients and workers at a national homeless charity's north Kent centre.

The Labour MP for Chatham and Aylesford reopened Shelter's housing advice centre in Chatham on Friday.

The charity hoped the visit would encourage Mr Shaw to push for the delivery of affordable homes across the South East.

The centre's clients, who are families and individuals from

Kent with experience of the need for housing, told Mr Shaw how the housing crisis had affected them.

Nearly 7,000 homeless households are living in temporary accommodation in the region, and in the Medway Towns there are more than 407 families without permanent homes, Shelter said.

Last year 7,000 affordable homes were built, which is 30 per cent below the target set out by the Government's draft South East Plan.

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tium running costs, which will bring the total annual cost to £24m.

Glenn Douglas, the trust's chief executive, said: "The Pembury Hospital scheme has passed a series of stringent financial checks.

"These tests and measures are put in place to ensure the scheme not only provides state-of-the-art services, but it value for money too."

The trust said the PFI costs were likely to be no greater than the money it spends running Maidstone Hospital, which is £25m annually.

But concerns have been raised that the move to international financial reporting standards from Tuesday could mean significant extra costs for PFI schemes.

These could leave the trust facing an extra £19m in charges over the course of the hospital's lifetime.

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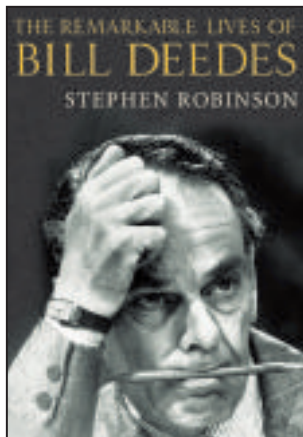
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Good deeds mark life of journalist who loved county

LORD Deedes travelled the world as a roving reporter and human rights campaigner.

But throughout his life William Francis Deedes, or Bill as he preferred to be called, had a profound and enduring love for his county of Kent.

He would sit in the garden of his family home and draw inspiration from the view across Romney Marsh, according to his biographer Stephen Robinson.

Mr Robinson told this newspaper how Lord Deedes would gaze out over the fields while compos-

By **JENNA PUDELEK**
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ing his column, his thoughts often haunted by his experiences in World War Two.

The Fleet Street legend was the longest-serving Daily Telegraph journalist, and editor from 1974-86, and died aged 94 at his home in Aldington last summer.

Shortly before his death Deedes wrote his last column for the Telegraph comparing the atrocities in Darfur, in western Sudan, to the Holocaust.

He could make the comparison,

he said, because he had seen a death camp in Nazi Germany and witnessed families in Darfur "striving to live under the shelter of thorn bushes".

Deedes' long career saw him report on natural disasters and bloody conflicts around the globe and, in later life, he worked for charities and humanitarian causes. According to Mr Robinson, Deedes' active campaigning had its roots in his early life.

These themes are explored in the authorised biography, *The Remarkable Lives of Bill Deedes*, published this week.

Mr Robinson said: "His Uncle Wyndham was a great influence on him.

"He was a great establishment figure who retired from public life and lived in the East End of London looking after the poor, particularly the Jewish poor in Bethnal Green. He helped the Jews get out of Germany.

"Bill lived with him in the 1930s when he was a young reporter. Uncle Wyndham was a humanitarian and a social worker... living an almost monastic life."

During the Second World War Deedes was the only officer in the King's Royal Rifle Corps to serve in the regiment for the entire war.

Witnessing the deaths of so many of his men, and civilians, haunted him for the rest of his life.

"They were really at the sharp end those guys, a lot of the men were killed. He felt it very acutely - he was the one writing letters home to their parents.

"He did not know whether the successes on the battlefield offset the deaths of all these young men.

"He felt in later life that he had been spared and used to say 'I've lived for 60 years on credit' because he expected to die in 1945.

"He spent a lot of time trying to figure out what to do to make amends after the loss of so many people," Mr Robinson said.

On a trip to Hanover cathedral in 1995 Deedes took a moment to light a candle for the German civilians killed by the Allied forces.

He was appalled by what happened to so many women and children.

The loss of innocent life drew him to the landmines' cause and took him to Angola and Bosnia with Diana, Princess of Wales.

Speaking about his time in Bosnia with Diana, Mr Robinson said: "It was complete freedom for her... There was a contrast between the fun of the friendships and then the real sadness of what she was doing - seeing widowed women and mothers who had lost their children to landmines.

"Bill had been around a while and was incredibly touched by the way she could communicate with people simply by touch and looks.

"He always said she was really committed to landmines. He would say who knows what would have happened if she had lived. Perhaps she would have had a really important humanitarian role."

The former Conservative Cabinet minister never missed a deadline and always filed early copy during his 76-year career in newspapers.

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At 84, he gave an interview to the BBC and then went to the office to write an emotive 4,000-word piece, stopping only briefly

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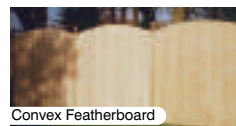
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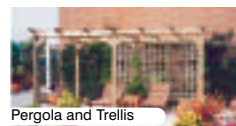


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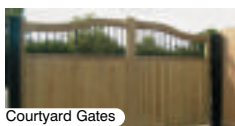


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CAMPAIGNER: Stephen Robinson, right, author of the authorised biography of Bill Deedes, who is pictured left in his Army uniform and above as the dapper reporter.



to search Canary Wharf for a pub open at the weekend to have a gin and tonic.

Mr Robinson recalled visiting Deedes towards the end of his life at his home in Aldington, finding him sitting with his laptop balanced on his belly writing his weekly columns.

"He had a view across the lovely gardens to Romney Marsh and would stare out for inspiration. He told me he would often think about the war," he said.

Mr Robinson said he was self-deprecating

about the Military Cross he was awarded after rescuing his men who were trapped by enemy machine-gun fire while crossing a canal in Holland.

His family settled in Kent in the 15th century owning a large part of the county until Deedes' father sold it off and he often gave away land for what would be now called affordable housing.

Now that his daughter Lucy has moved away from the county it is the first time in 500 years a Deedes has not lived in Kent.

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LOCAL bands and DJs will be taking part in a free festival ahead of the BBC's Big Weekend event in Maidstone.

The BBC Radio One Big Weekend comes to the county town on Saturday and Sunday, May 10-11, with 40,000 music fans expected at Mote Park.

Radio One DJ Zane Lowe is appealing for acts from across the county to apply to take part in the Fringe Festival, which takes place in Maidstone during the week

before the main event.

Two bands from the Fringe Festival will also be selected to play the BBC Introducing stage at the Big Weekend.

The organisers are promising some major names from rock, pop, urban and indie.

So far the only act confirmed is indie-pop combo Scouting for Girls, whose hits include She's So Lovely and Elvis Ain't Dead.

Apply at www.bbc.co.uk/radio1/bigweekend.

Readers scale artistic heights

By **PETER BOYES**

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OUR readers are a talented bunch. Since we asked you to design an alternative artwork for Ebbsfleet we have received some outstanding offerings.

The unofficial competition started after Eurostar announced plans for a major public artwork near its new station.

This week, we publish Brian Cowles' splendid design, which features a Eurostar train emerging from an oasthouse cowl. "Reference to my name is purely coincidental!" said the Gillingham resident, a retired graphic designer who has worked for Saatchi and Saatchi.

A slightly more off-the-wall idea came this week from a Mr AE Thomas of Folkestone, who gave his full support to Monty Parkin's submission last week of a giant Invicta horse at Ebbsfleet.

"It should be of hollow construction with internal stairways or lifts to a viewing position, similar to the Statue of Liberty in America," said Mr Thomas. "It could become a major tourist attraction."

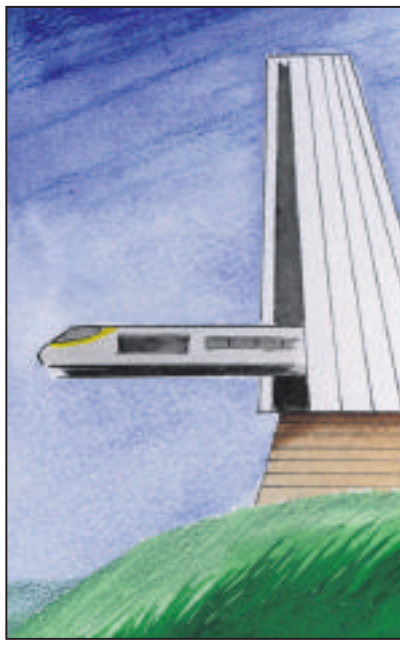
Last year, he said he suggested a similar proposition to Roger De Haan for an Invicta horse to sit at the end of the Folkestone's harbour arm. Helpfully, Mr Thomas included a photograph to provide "a rough idea".

Eurostar has shortlisted five artists from whom it will commission the work, including Mark Wallinger and Rachel Whiteread.

It wants an iconic 150ft structure that will be the southern equivalent of the Angel of the North outside Newcastle-upon-Tyne.


To date, readers have sent in their own suggestions, including Phonehenge, the Developer of the South and the Kentish Horse.

Send your suggestions to the address on page two or by email to phil.reilly@kosmedia.co.uk.



FULL SPEED: Above, Brian Cowles' design for a train emerging from an oasthouse cowl, with Mr Thomas' Invicta horse on Folkestone harbour arm below.




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Chavettes put Kent fifth in louts' league

By **PHIL REILLY**

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NEARLY 600 women under the age of 21 were given on-the-spot fines for loutish behaviour in Kent last year.

Kent Police have confirmed there were 596 fines issued to so-called chavettes in 2007.

More than 350 of these were for thefts of items worth less than £200 and of these 37 were committed by girls under 16.

Other reasons for the fines included alcohol-related offences, causing harassment, alarm or distress, wasting police time and "persistent use of a telephone for causing annoyance, inconvenience or needless anxiety".

A league of shame produced by a national newspaper showed that only four other police authorities issued more fines to young women last year. They were Merseyside (1,297), Lancashire (1,256), Metropolitan

(1,170) and Greater Manchester (828).

Kent's figure was more than seven times higher than Essex, where only 78 fines were issued in 2007.

Kent Police Chief Inspector Jan Berry, who is chairwoman of the national Police Federation, said: "Sadly, this comes as no surprise. In many towns on a Saturday night the increasingly frequent drunken behaviour of young girls makes Vicky Pollard look relatively tame."

Vicky Pollard is a loud-mouthed teenager in TV's Little Britain.

A Kent Police spokesman said the force has launched a Safer Spring campaign in a bid to tackle the problems of antisocial behaviour, violence and burglary.

Police patrols will be increased in some areas and leaflets issued to advise people about how to keep safe, and of the consequences of antisocial behaviour.

Chief Inspector Des Keers said: "Alcohol-fuelled crime is something all forces have to deal with and we will continue to work with partner agencies in a bid to reduce this type of crime. One offence committed is too many. We continue to work with partner agencies in order to help everyone who lives, works and visits the county, to enjoy what Kent has to offer its community."



VICKY POLLARD: The Little Britain character appears to be a role model for some young women

Dementia forum calls for ideas

MENTAL health services in west Kent are set to receive a £1.5million boost in funding.

West Kent Primary Care Trust (PCT) said the increase in spending would include services for people with dementia.

The PCT has called for people with dementia and their carers to say which services they think need further funding and improvement.

Debbie Stock, the PCT's urgent care and mental health programme manager, said: "It is very important to us to hear what people think of the current services, what they find helpful and what they would most like to see provided in the future."

Charities the Alzheimer's Society, Crossroads and Carers FIRST will join the PCT at the forum.

Tina Stirling, manager of the Alzheimer's Society's west Kent branch, said: "We really welcome this move by the PCT to involve people and their carers in looking at ways of developing new dementia services."

The meeting is on April 8 at Goldsmid Hall in Tudeley near Tonbridge from 2 to 4pm. If you would like to go call 01732 370 330.



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MAINSTREAM schools need more funding and support to cope with the growing numbers of children with autism and behavioural difficulties, according to parents across Kent.

They believe the situation has arisen because Kent County Council has re-designated special schools to focus on children and young people with profound, severe and complex needs.

This means more pupils with lower levels of special educational needs (SEN) are being taught at mainstream primary and secondary schools.

KOS Media has been contacted by a number of parents of children with autistic spectrum disorders (ASD).

They voiced concerns that mainstream schools do not have the correct environment, facilities and funding to provide for their children. Thirteen families came forward following our leader column this month about special needs provision.

Among them was Tara Curry, whose son Lewis has autism and after a false start now goes to Oakley Special School in Tunbridge Wells. In September he started at St Gregory's School, a comprehensive in the town, where he was suspended repeatedly and sent out of class, she said.

Mrs Curry, who lives in Southborough, said: "At primary school they were so good giving him one-to-one support.

"For the first few weeks at St Greg's he was on his best behaviour but when he started to relax it all just went wrong. He could not cope with the noise levels [autistic people can have highly developed senses]."

Mrs Curry feels lucky that Lewis is now at Oakley.

"It's much more geared towards him. He had to write down his thoughts on the school and he said I would not change anything - it would be mean to say something I would change when it's such a nice school," she added.

Heather Harvey's son Nicholas has severe autism and goes to Ifield Special School in Gravesend.

Before he was properly diagnosed he went to a mainstream nursery which a doctor told her "would encourage him to develop".

Mrs Harvey, who lives near Gravesend, was shocked to learn he was having epileptic seizures at the nursery. He was also not talking, isolating himself and refusing to socialise. These behaviours, she said, were not picked up.

The Government's SEN Strategy states that schools should effectively respond to a wide range of needs in the classroom and that all teachers should have the skills to help children with

Our special children need more help from mainstream schools

SEN reach their potential.

Suzanne Green, the National Autistic Society's branch officer for Deal and Dover, said her son's mainstream school was trying its best and had asked for advice and support from four special schools - and none responded.

Ms Green said: "Unless the school is proactive, has positive leadership with positive staff and good home-school relations then ASD children are set to fail and either withdraw into themselves or become behaviourally challenging leading to exclusions

and expulsions."

Cllr Chris Wells, KCC's cabinet member for education, said the authority agreed an annual budget for all its schools and each individual school was then free to choose how to spend its own funds.

He said: "As most of the funding is given to individual schools, the actual amount spent on the education of children with additional or special educational needs is for each school to decide."

Schools in Kent are grouped into 23 clusters.

Each cluster has educational psychologists, specialist teachers and other professionals to help schools meet the needs of their pupils, he said.

"Schools have a responsibility to provide education for all children on their roll and do everything they can to make sure that children with additional or special educational needs can go to their local school and progress in education," Cllr Wells said.

He said KCC funded initiatives to support and offer advice to parents.

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Police aim to sweep streets clean of replica firearms with amnesty

REPLICA AK47 rifles and MP5 sub-machine guns that are virtually indistinguishable from the real thing are among the weapons Kent Police are hoping to get off the county's streets.

The force is offering a 'weapons surrender' similar to last year's knife amnesty in the hope of removing real and imitation guns and knives from the county.

Superintendent Peter Wedlake said one of the major problems facing the police was that imitation weapons were getting more realistic.

This made it very difficult for firearms officers to tell the difference between some imitation weapons and the



MP5: A replica is almost indistinguishable from the real weapon.

real ones.

He said: "It's not just handguns but all sorts of weapons from ball-bearing guns to cap guns to air rifles. Lots of them look like the real weapons."

"You can get an AK47 or an MP5, which is the same weapon police have used in the past. They are very convincing, even when you've

got them in your hands.

"Many weigh exactly the same and have the hole in the end of the barrel."

This year, as well as handing in guns and knives at police stations, people can call officers to their homes to pick them up.

Iraq inquiry needed now, House urged

By **PHIL REILLY**

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A LABOUR MP has urged the Government to agree to an independent inquiry into the Iraq war.

Bob Marshall-Andrews, the MP for Medway, called for the inquiry during an Opposition Day debate in the House of Commons this week.

Mr Marshall-Andrews, who has consistently voted and spoken out against the war, said the inquiry was "urgent and necessary" as there was no defined exit strategy.

He said: "What is victory in this war? We had a victory four years ago, and it is a gloomy symbiosis that the fourth anniversary of that victory marked the death of the 4,000th US serviceman in Iraq."

Calls for an inquiry were led by William Hague, Conservative shadow foreign minister, and received strong support from the Liberal Democrats.

Mr Marshall-Andrews made a lengthy speech during the debate, which ended with a strong moral argument for an inquiry.

He said: "If I did believe in judgement day – and particularly if I was a Catholic – and

if I had been responsible for the deceit and duplicity that led to the slaughter in Iraq, I would be saying my Ave Marias as fast as diction would allow.

"However, I believe that we here must arrive at a quicker judgement, and that we, the British people and those who have suffered as a result of our actions, are entitled to that judgement sooner – much sooner – than later."

Speaking at the end of the debate, Foreign Secretary David Miliband said there was agreement that an inquiry would be necessary, but only once "our troops have finished their work in Iraq".

He said: "The Opposition has said the time for such an inquiry is now. Given today's reports from Basra, most people would see that as a bizarre choice of priority."

Mr Miliband was referring to the death of a British soldier in Baghdad on Wednesday, bringing the total number of British troops killed on operations in Iraq to 176.

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Campaign to help rebuild many lives

THE manager of a popular restaurant is leading a campaign to help the victims of one of the worst cyclones ever to hit Bangladesh.

An estimated 10,000 people were killed, hundreds of thousands of Bangladeshis lost their homes and crops and livelihoods were destroyed when Cyclone Sidr struck the south Asian country in November.

Mahidur Rahman is from the Sylhet district of Bangladesh, in the far north east of the country. He owns the Indian and Bangladeshi restaurant Joshan of Wye and lives in the village near Ashford.

"A lot of people died, especially around the coastal areas and on that basis our village, as well as people in the Bangladeshi community across the country, responded to this to raise money to support the victims.

"It was an opportunity to help humanity and that should not be missed," he said.

Mr Rahman has taken a pragmatic approach to spending the £7,116 raised so far from a fundraising dinner and dance held in Wye last month.

"The amount is not very big. But if we bought a fisherman a boat and a net then he has something that will last for years.

"We are looking at buying cattle for families so they can plough the land and make a good living, or a water pump for a whole village. I want to help people rebuild their livelihoods.

"It is a growing fund but we need to decide how best to invest the money to help these suffering people. It takes people years and years to recover from such events – they have lost

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everything," he said.

Bangladesh is one of the most densely populated countries in the world and has high levels of poverty.

Although monsoon floods and cyclones affect the country annually last year's tropical storm is thought to be the most severe since 1991 causing an estimated £225 million worth of damage.

Floods and strong winds swept across the country flattening tin shacks and blowing away schools and homes.

In the capital, Dhaka, electricity and water supplies were lost.

Mr Rahman, who returns regularly to his home country, said: "A lot of people lost their children and children became separated from their parents.

"One of the worst things was the environmental damage because people could not access clean drinking water.

"For people like us living in a situation where we do not have these problems it is important to help people that do."

More than 300 people attended Mr Rahman's fundraising event and Bangladeshi people living in places such as Cardiff and Oxford sent money and messages of support.

Ashford magician Etienne Pradier provided his services for free and children of Bangladeshi origin from around Kent, dressed in traditional costumes, performed songs and readings of the country.



HELPING HAND: Mahidur Rahman wants to raise more money for victims of Cyclone Sidr

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A better life in the Ebbsfleet Valley



Kent Highway Services, in partnership with Dartford Borough Council and Land Securities, has secured £10 million funding to support public transport, cycling and walking links and help control the traffic into and around the new Ebbsfleet Valley development between Gravesend and Dartford. This is in addition to £40 million funding to be provided by the developers Land Securities to support longer term strategic transport improvements.

There will also be a dedicated route through the former Eastern Quarry for the award-winning and popular Fastrack buses, which already operate within the local area.

The new development will combine the former quarry and Ebbsfleet area to form one of two major regeneration sites near the new international railway station. The other site is the regeneration of the Northfleet West Substation, which is just north of the A2 at the Ebbsfleet junction.

The regeneration of this area is expected to generate around 10,000 new homes, and around 20,000 new job opportunities for the Ebbsfleet Valley area.

It is planned that the development will have lots of facilities for the new and existing communities, which should enable residents to have access to services locally rather than having to travel long distances to find them.

Connectivity for wild commuters

Just like people, animals need to be able to move safely from one place to another. In the same way that we use the roads to travel around the county, animals often use the verges and embankments to move from one place to another.

Animals like these areas because they tend to remain undisturbed, and they are often only affected by the noise from passing traffic and the odd bit of road-side maintenance. These areas have created an unlikely haven for animals, and a wide range of animals can be found at these sites.

Ecologists are realising that it is really important for a species to be able to move from one habitat to another in order to ensure their long-term survival, as this allows them to increase in numbers and expand into new areas.

Animals which live in road side habitats may be able to move around along the road side areas but connecting habitats across roads is more difficult for them. A solution to this problem is for us to create 'Land Bridges', these are vegetated bridges across a motorway or main road.

Land Bridges encourage animals to move from one habitat to another, without the fear and danger of crossing a busy road. Land Bridges have been found to be highly successful in reducing the impact of roads upon commuting or migrating animals.

Our ecologists are at the forefront of developing ways of minimising road impacts on wildlife. In future years, we are likely to see innovative methods, where a more holistic approach to road development and maintenance will enhance and preserve our landscapes and wildlife for future years.

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Sometimes the questions are easy to answer, for example, whether the street is looked after by Kent Highways Services or whether it is privately owned. However, sometimes the questions are more difficult, for example, finding out where the highway boundaries are in a rural area. It is important that these questions are answered correctly, because there could be legal consequences if the wrong information is given out.

The Highway Definition Team use historic maps and information to carefully scrutinise the history of a site for evidence. In the past we have had to rely on paper copies of maps and huge quantities of documents, filed in parish order.

Some years ago the 'Parish Files', as they were known, were scanned and made available to us via a map-based computer system.



The map is interactive so we are able to call up the documents concerning specific locations on screen.

The latest version of this system includes a number of historic map layers. We can switch from one layer to another to examine the history of a site.

This system has allowed us to archive a large numbers of paper files, which means we have to spend less time looking through files or extracting historic maps.

You can find out more about the work of the Highway Definition Team by visiting www.kent.gov.uk/highway or by contacting us on 08458 247 800.

Advance Warning

The A29 Blue Bell Hill will be closed uphill, towards Chatham, between 9pm on Friday 28 March until 5am on Monday 31 March.

Travel Update

Below are roadworks and events that may cause some disruptions. Please remember that these are planned works and other emergency works may be required.

Tonbridge & Malling	Start current	Finish 5.4.08	Road St Mary's Road, Tonbridge	Reason Temporary traffic lights - drainage works
Gravesend	Start current	Finish 6.4.08	Road Henshurst Road, Gravesend	Reason Temporary traffic lights - carriageway works
Canterbury	Start current	Finish 9.4.08	Road A290 Blean Common, Blean	Reason Temporary traffic lights - new water mains
Maidstone	Start 31.3.08	Finish 4.4.08	Road Pilgrims Way, Detling	Reason Temporary road closure - new telephone cables
Thanet	Start 31.3.08	Finish 3.8.08	Road A254 Ramsgate Road, Margate	Reason Temporary traffic lights - carriageway works
Swale	Start 1.4.08	Finish 4.4.08	Road Sheppey Way, Bobbing	Reason Temporary traffic lights - new telephone cables

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By **PHIL REILLY**

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SCARLETT Thomas' day job requires her to nurture the talents of a classroom full of young writers, but it is her own talent that has caught the eyes of the judges in one of British literature's biggest prizes.

The University of Kent lecturer, who teaches creative writing to both undergraduates and postgraduates, has been included on the long-list for the Orange Broadband prize for fiction for her novel *The End of Mr Y*.

It is her seventh novel and one that covers such diverse subject matters as time travel, alternate realities, an 8ft-tall mouse, God and the CIA.

The former mystery writer told KOS Media that it was only with this novel and its predecessor, *Pop Co*, that she feels she has finally been able to break free of genre constraints and take "big risks" with her writing.

The 35-year-old said: "I think in a way it is good to be trapped in some way. You realise you want to break free. I suppose it was with *Pop Co* that I sat down and thought 'now I'm going to write a book I really want to write'."

The End of Mr Y's main character is a PhD student called Ariel and the author said the university in the novel is based on her own Canterbury campus.

Early in the novel, as Ariel is staring out of a campus window, everything starts to shake and buildings start to fall down, an event inspired by a real-life incident.

She explained: "There is an old railway tunnel that runs underneath the hill through the campus from Canterbury to



LONG-LIST: Scarlett Thomas, 35, with the cover of her new book

Whitstable. The trains haven't run for 100 years, but in 1974 [the tunnel] collapsed and brought down part of the Cornwallis building. I heard the story on my induction when I



joined the university in 2004."

Because of the earth-shaking event, Ariel is unable to get her car out of the car park and has to walk home. On her way she visits a bookshop and stumbles

across a copy of an extremely rare book.

The book is supposedly cursed, with anyone who reads it dying soon afterwards. Ariel buys the book and begins a journey through a world that blurs the lines between fantasy and science fiction.

From that point on, it all becomes rather complex, as Ms Thomas admitted when she us: "I don't really know how to explain this, it's all very complicated."

It may be complicated, but it has clearly impressed the Orange judges.

Ms Thomas finds herself on a long-list of 20 female authors, including former winner Linda Grant and seven first-time novelists. They will be whittled down to a shortlist of five on April 15, with the winner announced on June 4.

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Author's risky journey leads her to long-list for prestigious prize



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Stroke units to be set up at hospital

A WEST Kent NHS trust is promising better services for people who have suffered strokes.

Maidstone and Tunbridge Wells NHS Trust was among the worst in the country for the delivery of inpatient stroke services in 2006.

Glenn Douglas, chief executive of the trust, pledged to provide stroke units at Maidstone and Tunbridge Wells hospitals at a public meeting last month.

An eight-bed ward for stroke patients will open at the Kent and Sussex in Tunbridge Wells on June 2.

By the same date it is hoped a six-bed stroke ward will be available at Maidstone.

An estimated 150,000 people a year have a stroke and it is the third most common cause of death in the country, according to the Stroke Association.

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Remember Dickens in our libraries

By **TONY PATEY**

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A STATUE of Charles Dickens has been proposed for the Gravesend/Rochester area, and, rather predictably, there is already a dispute about where it should go.

Dickens himself wanted no such thing; as a veteran reporter he knew as much as anyone that proposing a statue or similar memorial can often result in squabbles and disputes. That's probably why he expressly wished in his will to be remembered through his works.

Why not, therefore, respect his wishes? Let's set up proper research facilities at both



DISPUTED: Charles Dickens said in his will that he wanted to be remembered by his body of work

Gravesend and Rochester libraries, with well-resourced document housing, catalogued, protected and available to future serious students and scholars.

A similar situation arose in Cambridgeshire 10 years ago.

A statue of Oliver Cromwell was proposed for Huntingdon, where he was born. Nearby St Ives, where he also lived, already had one. Result – squabbles. At the same time the Huntingdonshire Public Records Office sent out a plea for sponsors to buy containers to protect documents for future researchers.

I'm proud to say I was the first to step forward and sponsored all of Cromwell's papers and documents.

As a side issue, I've been asking for a couple of years for a specific section to be set aside in Dartford Library's reference room on the Rolling Stones and 20th century pop culture, especially music.

Staff members are enthusiastic, but lack resources, and a personal plea to Sir Mick Jagger and Keith Richards through their agent has so far met with silence. This could be a potentially positive asset for the town's economy.

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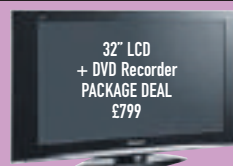
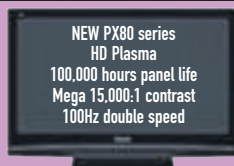
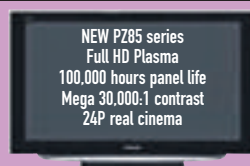
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■ A CRIMINAL punched an elderly man in the face as he forced his way into the pensioner's home in Swanley.

Police are appealing for witnesses following the aggravated burglary on Tuesday evening.

The man took a wallet and is thought to have driven away in a car, a green or gold Mitsubishi Shogun.

Detective Constable Neil Martin, said: "If you have any information about this incident or saw a similar vehicle in the area on Tuesday please contact police."

"Fortunately the elderly gentleman was not too badly hurt but he was very shaken by what happened to him."

The victim was aged in his 70s. Witnesses are asked to contact police on 01732 379217.

It's hats off to volunteers

IT'S KNITTING needles at the ready as Canterbury's Royal Marines Association appeals for volunteers to give soldiers' gifts a personal touch by knitting 2,000 woollen hats to send to Afghanistan.

Since 2006, the association has been sending an ever-increasing number of shoe boxes packed with food, toiletries and messages of support to troops stationed in Afghanistan.

In 2008, organisers are looking to send more goodies than ever before, including more than 2,000 woollen hats, knitted by volunteers.

Welfare officer of the Canterbury branch Anne-Marie Taylor said: "This year I thought it would be nice to include a personal item that were handmade, such as knitted hats."

"They are quick and easy to make and would be a morale booster as the soldiers would know that people had taken the time and effort to make them especially for them."

"I've had loads of letters from Afghanistan and one Royal Marine even took the time to phone me from Afghanistan and thank me in person which was a real tear-jerker when you consider the conditions they are under."

The association is looking for volunteers to create the hats needed for the boxes, as well as anyone who can donate wool and other goods that can help fill them.

To get involved email anne@annemarietaylor.force9.co.uk or call Anne-Marie on 01634 868704.

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PIONEER: Elizabeth Carter as Minerva by John Fayram. By permission of Miss Paddy Barrett

By **MARY KEMBER**
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ELIZABETH Carter, who was born in Deal in 1717 and lived there for much of her life, was an exceptional woman. It's not surprising, then, that a recently rediscovered portrait of her in Deal has delighted those responsible for putting together an exhibition now showing at the National Portrait Gallery called Brilliant Women: 18th Century Bluestockings. Carter is seen as a key figure in this circle.

Carter had an unconventional upbringing. Her mother died when she was young and her father, the Rev Nicholas Carter, was determined that his daughter would receive some tutoring just as her brothers did. This was unusual at a time when most girls didn't have access to education. Indeed, it wasn't seen as necessary or desirable for society's ideal of the frail delicate woman who, on marriage, became her husband's 'property'.

Much of the writing done by women in the 18th century tended to be rather pious and sentimental and Carter very much conformed to this tradition of 'feminine' writing in her poetry, the first collection of which she had published when she was just 21. But it was her academic works, above all, that made her famous. She had a phenomenal grasp of languages, including Latin, Greek, Hebrew and Arabic, and translated several significant works. Her translation from the Greek of the entire works of Epictetus, published in 1758, gained her respect not just in this country, but in intellectual circles all over Europe.

It was this academic achievement that brought her to the Bluestocking Assemblies – particularly through contact with her friend Mrs Montagu, who was known as Queen of the Blues. These gatherings in London were held in the homes of fashionable society women, but cards, ceremony and supper were replaced by debate and discussion. Many of the intellectual luminaries of the day attended, and

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Portrait of a lady ahead of her time

18th century poet and academic is celebrated at London gallery

Carter would have met such people as Samuel Johnson, Horace Walpole, David Garrick, Hannah More, Fanny Burney and Thomas Bowdler, amongst others.

However, it was in her personal life that Carter was most unconventional. She couldn't be bothered with the fashions of the day, which with their hooped skirts and high wigs were extremely restrictive for women. Doors sometimes had to be negotiated sideways and wigs might catch fire in chandeliers. Rejecting the idea of taking up a place at court, she said: "To give up one's ease and liberty, and be under perpetual restraint, for the sake of wearing a finer gown, eating a greater variety of dishes, or seeing more company and fewer friends, appears to me a very strange scheme."

Carter also had some very unusual personal habits. She loved walking and was known for her strenuous coastal walks. These were no 'ladylike' strolls. Often, she would rise before six to walk along the coast; at other times she walked by moonlight. She even felt able to say of herself: "Without vanity I may pretend to be one of the best walkers of the age." She would also employ a variety of methods to stay awake over her books at night: she took snuff, chewed green tea or coffee and wrapped wet towels around her head.

Bishop

Carter remained single throughout her life, despite the fact that she had marriage suits from a variety of men, including the Bishop of London and the Archbishop of Canterbury, no less. She responded to pressure put on her by friends by saying, "having run away from matrimonial schemes as far as dry land goes, my next step must be into the sea".

Unconventional she might have been, but Carter faithfully carried out her domestic duties. She looked after the children of her father's second marriage as if they were her own, acting as tutor to her half-brother to help him gain entrance to Cambridge.

She also looked after her father in Deal for much of his later life. It was this ability to juggle her intellectual and domestic life which was so admired at the time. Samuel Johnson said: "Mrs Carter can bake a pudding as well as translate Epictetus, and work a handkerchief as well as compose a poem."

Carter died peacefully at her home in London in 1806. She wasn't a 'feminist' in the modern sense. But she did set a model for educated women and challenged the notion of what was 'feminine' and acceptable for women to do.

We are fortunate that she adhered to at least one fashion of the day – that of writing copious correspondence to her women friends. If she hadn't done this, we would not now have access to the details of the life and thoughts of a remarkable woman who is now, quite rightly, being celebrated along with other exceptional 18th century women in an exhibition at the National Portrait Gallery.

• *While an MA student at the University of Kent, Mary Kember wrote the published paper: Elizabeth Carter: A Woman of Her Time?*

The National Portrait Gallery's Brilliant Women: 18th-Century Bluestockings exhibition runs until June 15.

Farmers fight to save British roast

THE British ingredients that make a traditional Sunday roast will disappear unless farm gate prices increase, say farming leaders.

In an attempt to get more people eating food from their area, this week they were offered a taste of locally produced beef and lamb at a roadshow in Maidstone.

James Mulleneux, NFU South East policy adviser, said: "The campaign calls for a fair price for beef and sheep farmers, who produce the finest quality meat in the world."

"A survey has shown 72 per cent of shoppers want to buy British beef and lamb, and 80 per cent believe supermarkets should offer farmers a fair deal."

Mr Mulleneux added: "Unless the farm gate price increases, the farmers who rear the key ingredients for a traditional British Sunday roast could disappear, their products being replaced by cheap imports with a high carbon footprint."



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THE organisation representing businessmen and women in the South East has downgraded its forecast for economic growth in 2008.

The CBI forecasts even slower growth in 2009 due to "continued troubles in the credit markets, rising commodity prices and weak domestic and global demand".

But the organisation said the situation is not so bad as headlines would suggest, reporting that some businesses are experiencing positive trading conditions.

Economy tough enough to weather the storms

In its latest quarterly economic forecast, the CBI has lowered its figure for this year's rate of GDP growth down 0.2 per cent to 1.8 per cent.

The forecast for next year has also been downgraded and the CBI's figure of 1.7 per cent GDP growth for 2009 contrasts starkly with the Government's more optimistic forecast in the recent Budget of between 2.25 per cent to 2.75 per cent.

Malcolm Hyde, CBI South East regional director, said: "Having enjoyed two years of strong growth, we are now living in uncertain times."

Shock

"We are facing a financial shock on a scale not experienced in recent years, which is coming on top of already slower growth."

"However, outside the financial and property sectors the overall mood of business is nothing like as gloomy as you might guess from reading today's headlines."

"While there are signs of a high street slowdown and some firms say it's getting harder to raise bank finance, many still report quite positive conditions."

"So it is vitally important to keep the story in perspective. Although painful, write-offs by British banks represent a tiny fraction of their capital."

"After a few good years, the UK corporate balance sheet is in good shape."

"Our flexible labour market is a real force for stability and our best bet is still that our economy will continue to show modest growth this year and next, before starting a gradual recovery."

The CBI predicts a rise then a fall in inflation, which would enable the Bank of England to cut interest rates, possibly down to 4.5 per cent by 2009.

The biggest downward revision in the CBI's forecast has been to household spending, as purchasing power is heavily squeezed by higher food and energy prices.

Consumption is forecast to slow more sharply than previously thought, from growth of 3.1 per cent last year to just 1.6 per cent this year – down 0.3 per cent on the previous forecast in December.

Mr Hyde said: "The economy is being buffeted by some strong headwinds, with the prolonged troubles in the financial markets making for a bumpy ride both this year and next."

"High commodity prices are adding to inflationary pressures and significantly squeezing household incomes. And some households are feeling a chill from the credit freeze, with lending conditions becoming tighter."

The CB report said unemployment figures have been revised down slightly for 2008 to 1.65 million but are unchanged for 2009 at 1.75 million since the previous forecast.

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Lucie suspect's appeal underway

AN APPEAL hearing has begun in Japan against the acquittal of the man accused of murdering a Kent bar hostess.

Joji Obara was found not guilty of killing Lucie Blackman, who was from Sevenoaks, last April, but was committed and sent

to prison for raping nine women.

One of the women died and millionaire property developer Obara is also hoping to be cleared of those convictions.

Miss Blackman was 21 when she was found dead near Tokyo in 2001 – her body was found in

pieces and her head had been covered in concrete.

The appeal, which began on Tuesday, was adjourned until May.

In a statement, her father Tim told how he feared the legal process could carry on for at least six months.



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By **JANE CONNOLLY**

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THE writer of a moving play about Burma's struggle for democracy has revealed his sadness over the violent scenes in Tibet.

Richard Shannon spent a year researching the realities of the Burmese military dictatorship before he wrote *The Lady of Burma*, a one-woman piece about the imprisonment of the country's democratically elected leader Aung San Suu Kyi.

Having learned about the atrocities carried out in Burma, he was upset to hear about more brutal treatment of campaigners – this time Tibetans protesting against Chinese rule.

"It really saddened me to see the violence and the dead," he said. "There's no question many more people will have been killed and

arrested than has been reported.

The tragedy is China is massively powerful. Unless it can be embarrassed into taking a more lenient stance and entering into a dialogue with the Dalai Lama, this will go on."

The *Lady of Burma*, which visits theatres in Kent this spring, tells

Writer's plea for oppressed under Chinese regime

the story of 62-year-old Aung San Suu Kyi. Since winning a democratic election by a landslide, she has endured more than 10 years of house arrest after the poll result was ignored by the military junta that runs the country.

In 2003, an assassination attempt led to the deaths of about 100 of her supporters and Suu Kyi spending time at Rangoon's Insein prison.

For co-director Shannon, it was a story he felt compelled to write after many years of following Burma's troubles from afar. He was inspired to act after meeting lookalike actress Liana Gould and decided to write a play for her.

His research took him to Burma, posing as a tourist, to interview her family and other activists.

"I met one of the leaders of the 1988 uprising, who was tortured and treated badly," he said. "There are a number of key characters whose stories also come through in the play."

Much of the script is based on those interviews and Suu Kyi's own words, as she revisits the events that resulted in the loss of her freedom.

Suu Kyi spent much of her childhood in England and India, but on

her return to Burma in 1988 to care for her sick mother, she witnessed the junta's attempts to suppress pro-democracy campaigners in that year's uprising.

As the daughter of assassinated Aung San, the first leader of independent Burma after the country was freed from British rule in 1948, many people saw her as a natural leader. She went on to head the National League for Democracy, as well as winning the Nobel Peace Prize.

Her personal sacrifices have been immense – her British husband Michael Aris was not allowed to visit her as he was dying of cancer and she has not seen her two adult sons since they were children. But Shannon hopes her story will inspire people in the West to make their feelings known.

"I hope people will realise every small act of defiance will help," he said. "Aung San Suu Kyi always says 'use your freedom to support ours'."

• *The Lady of Burma will be at The Trinity Theatre, Tunbridge Wells, on April 25; The Gulbenkian, Canterbury, on May 15 and The Exchange Studio, Maidstone, on June 4.*



STAGE: Liana Gould as Aung San Suu Kyi in *The Lady of Burma*

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A NEW £5 million swimming pool could open on the Isle of Thanet by the summer of 2011.

The plans for the new 25-metre pool in Ramsgate have now been approved by Thanet District Council.

The six-lane pool would be built alongside the town's existing sports centre.

Construction is now expected to begin in 2010 and be completed within 18 months.

Cllr Jo Gideon, Thanet District Council's cabinet member for safer neighbourhoods, health and communities, told KOS Media: "Improving our swimming facilities is something that we know matters to local people and this report indicates how the project is likely to progress over the next three years."

"We now know what process we are going to go through to appoint the teams for the project and have a timetable in place, with full details of who will be overseeing the project on behalf of the council."

"Now that has all been agreed, we can move forward to appoint the design team over the next few months."

Works on infamous road could be ditched

By **PHIL REILLY**

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VITAL road improvements to the notorious A21 could be postponed or cancelled after a report revealed the cost of two multi-million pound schemes has more than doubled.

Improvements to two stretches of the road are scheduled to take place between 2010 and 2012, but a new report shows the estimated costs of the schemes have increased by a combined £111 million.

The first stretch is between Tonbridge bypass and Pembury bypass, where dualling work is to be carried out. The original estimate of £64m has risen to £112m.

The second is between Kippings Cross and Lamberhurst, where the estimate has risen from £40m to £103m.

The Tonbridge-Pembury stretch is single carriageway and is to be dualled. The Kippings Cross-Lamberhurst stretch is to replace a section of single carriageway with a poor accident record and will also provide a section of dual carriageway.

The work has been prioritised and scheduled by the South East England Regional Assembly's Regional Transport Board (RTB), but is to be funded and carried out by the Highways Agency.

Cllr Alex King, deputy leader of Kent County Council, said the roads were vital access routes to the new hospital that is to be built at Pembury.

He said: "I thought those roads were expensive at the original estimates. The Highways Agency needs to seriously explain publicly why their estimates were so wrong and why they have increased so much."

The increases emerged when the RTB presented the findings of the Department for Transport's Nichols Report into costs of road schemes across the country.

The RTB's report stated: "The implication of these cost increases could be slippage in the delivery of Kent's schemes... and a long delay, or possible cancelling, of the A21 Kippings Cross-Lamberhurst scheme. These outcomes are unacceptable to KCC and the communities of Kent and Sussex."

A spokesman for the Highways Agency said the new figures were "interim estimates" provided to help the region decide on priorities and programming.

He said: "Nichols recognised estimating road scheme costs is inherently difficult, and subject to uncertainty and showed the main reason behind the increases was the higher than expected rate of construction inflation."

The Department for Transport is carrying out a "value for money assessment" on the Kippings Cross to Lamberhurst stretch.

A DfT spokesman said: "The new value for money assessment for Kippings Cross to Lamberhurst is not yet complete and it would be inappropriate to comment on its likely outcomes at this stage."

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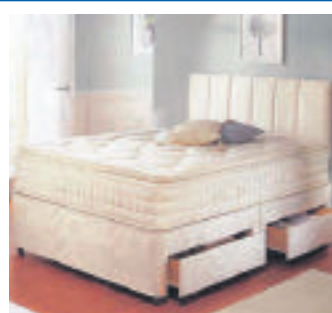
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Cancer service leads the world

By **JENNA PUDELEK**

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NURSES in east Kent are pioneering a new mobile chemotherapy service to help make life easier for cancer patients.

A van is loaded up with equipment and drugs to treat up to 10 patients and travels on separate days to the community hospitals in Dover, Folkestone, Herne Bay, Deal and Faversham.

Provided by East Kent NHS Hospitals Trust, the service is the first in the country.

Bryony Neame, manager of the chemotherapy outreach programme, began setting up the facility six months ago and runs it along with nurse sister Ellana MacMillan.

She said: "We are already being approached by other trusts around the country to see how it is going - we are leading the way."

"We are going to the International Society for Nurses in Cancer Care annual conference in Singapore to give a presentation on the chemotherapy outreach programme."

Travel

"So interest is coming from not only around the country but internationally."

Before the initiative community service patients had to travel to chemo units at Ashford, Margate and Canterbury hospitals.

Mrs Neame said: "It is important because it gives patients a choice of where they receive treatment and better accessibility."

She said it also addresses capacity issues at the trust's hospitals because there are an increasing number of people needing chemotherapy, which puts pressure on space and time.

She said the positive response from patients had been huge - one woman from Deal was having to travel 45 minutes to Canterbury for treatment and is now seen 10 minutes from her home.

"There is also less impact expense-wise and on family life for people with children

and also for elderly people who may rely on relative to drive them to hospitals."

"If you are feeling queasy afterwards you can be home and in bed quicker," Mrs Neame said.

The service currently offers selective treatments and will never be able to provide certain chemotherapy treatments that provoke severe reactions because patients may need emergency care in acute hospitals.

But there are plans to gradually expand the treatments to more complicated chemotherapies.

All types of cancer are treated by the

service including breast, colon and lung. It also provides drugs that help the pain and progression of cancer that has spread to the bone.

Herceptin, a drug used to treat breast cancer, is provided.

Mrs Neame, who has worked as a nurse in east Kent since 1983, added: "It has been an amazing six months setting it up and everyone has been incredibly supportive. It is fabulous to see it all up and running now."

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VAN: Ellana MacMillan (left) and Bryony Neame load up

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Actress to be an online star

By **JENNA PUDELEK**

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AN ONLINE teen drama has launched on the global social networking site Bebo starring an actress from Kent.

Georgina Leahy, who lives in Bromley, plays a 17-year-old resident temptress on Sofia's Diary and is attention-seeking and competitive.

Her character, Rebecca, is the star Sophia's nemesis at school in the series which debuted last Friday after the success of the site's groundbreaking online drama KateModern.

With everyone afraid of her and her ambition, and her home life financially comfortable but emotionally empty thanks to pushy mother – will Rebecca reveal a softer side?

In real life Miss Leahy, 20, is studying for a degree in theatre and dance and the Bebo show is her first professional acting role.

She said: "I was thrilled to play the part of Rebecca but I am nothing like her bitchy character. I'm very ambitious but not manipulative."



DRAMA STUDENT: Georgina Leahy

Fashion is her favourite pastime and she describes her style as 'quirky', saying she does not follow high street trends.

The model and dancer listed Alexander McQueen, Mui Mui and Vivienne Westwood as designers she admires and told how she loves

flicking through glossy fashion magazines like Vogue and Tatler.

Rachel Hyde-Harvey, who has previously appeared in The Bill and Holby City, plays the feisty and witty Sophia who begins a new life living with her dad, step-mum and step-brother – 'the Devil's child', after she's sent to London by her mum following the 'accidental' blowing up of her school's chemistry lab.

Each weekday Sofia and her friends update their video diaries with two to three minute installments on the website.

The audience can engage directly with the characters, providing interactive entertainment and blurring the line between fiction and reality as real-life events crop up in the series.

Each week fans decide about an important decision in Sophia's life.

Miss Leahy added: "Sophia's world is accessible to everyone – for teens as they can relate to the real-life topics and drama and for parents who can use the show as a platform to understanding teenagers more."

Go to www.bebo.com/sofiadiary to watch and find out more.

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Nuclear waste at threat

TRAINS carrying nuclear waste from Dungeness Power Station are vulnerable to accidents and terrorist attack, according to environmental campaigners.

Department for Transport figures show there have been at least 80 incidents across the UK in the last 10 years when radioactive material was being moved across the country.

At least one accident took place in Kent in 2002, when a train carrying nuclear containers from Dungeness collided with a truck on a level crossing, in Brookland in Romney Marsh.

Radioactive material leaves Dungeness once a week and is taken to Sellafield in Cumbria to be reprocessed and stored.

Greenpeace claimed the trains could be vulnerable to attack from rocket-propelled grenades.

Trains travel along the mainline from Ashford, passing through all stops to Sevenoaks before heading up to London.

But Direct Rail Services, which transports waste from Dungeness, said the flasks underwent rigorous testing: "The safety and security of all our operations is the number one priority."

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KENT ON SUNDAY

COMMENT

Warm welcome for our soldiers

THOUSANDS of patriotic supporters joined a homecoming parade to welcome a regiment of soldiers back to Kent from Afghanistan.

As the 36 Engineer Regiment marched through Maidstone after a six-month tour in the Helmand Province, it acted as a stark reminder that we are a country at war.

The book of condolence opened in tribute to the two soldiers – Lance Corporals Jake Alderton and Ivano Violino – who did not return was a signifier of the true human cost of war.

Whether you agree with the British Army's presence in Afghanistan or Iraq or not, our soldiers need our support.

As young and old joined together waving Union Jacks and cheering the servicemen and women what mattered was not the justness of those wars, only recognition that they are bravely serving their country.

Our soldiers are doing an incredibly difficult job under hugely difficult circumstances.

Soon, the Canterbury-based 5 Scots regiment will be heading to Afghanistan.

The Argyll and Sutherland Highlanders will be part of 16 Air Assault Brigade and face a tough and dangerous job.

It is important to wish them luck in their mission and hope that they safely return.

Kent is a county with strong military roots where thousands of service personnel and families live and work.

We should be proud of our soldiers and this week's parade provided an opportunity for people to express their gratitude and thanks for the job they do in some of the world's most dangerous places on our behalf.

OPINION: Where's the logic?

MY OLD alma mater is causing me some problems.

Cambridge University, where I learnt to be a teacher, which is on one hand constantly asking me to cough up cash to help educate future generations, is now on the other hand trying to take one of my livelihoods away.

I'm gainfully employed right now as business editor of KOS Media, drawing on experience as a long-time journalist.

But I like to keep my teaching hat – or rather mortar board – kept polished in the corner just in case I ever fancy a return to the profession.

Among the subjects I can teach up to A-level are business studies, film studies, media studies, and drama/theatre studies.

But wait – these are on a notorious hit list which has been drawn up by Cambridge as among "soft" A-level options at which that august teaching establishment looks down its nose. Even accountancy.

Apparently, they're not in the pantheon of hard knowledge subjects such as mathematics, English and chemistry, which get you straight into the ancient piles near the River Granta. They're okay as extras, but they're not quite the ticket. I'd like to know who says so.

Fifty years ago you had to have at least O-level Latin – as well as good A levels, of course – before you could even be considered for

Cambridge University really needs to get itself back on course, says TONY PATEY

either Cambridge or Oxford universities.

No Latin, no Oxbridge. But that was the only real stipulation on entry.

Now Cambridge has taken an arbitrary decision to sideline subjects which if taught properly can stretch students in directions they didn't think possible.

A good biz studs teacher would have students reliving, then

discussing and writing about real-life case studies such as the mighty fall of US-based Enron, or chart how – and why – Tesco rose from a one-man tiny market pitch in Hertfordshire to the biggest retailer in the UK.

A good media studs teacher would be showing how an Aussie maverick named Murdoch scooped up a major part of the global communications market



CLASSIC EDUCATION: Cambridge University has named soft options



and how that Aussie influenced modern UK culture – as well as cutting young intellectuals on some of the most complex literary, philosophical and film theories.

Many of the Chinese and Russian foreign students flooding into this country to study – with many of them going through to Oxbridge – are probably smiling at what they would see as a typically Western view of knowledge.

I know, I taught many of them for years at a Cambridge international college.

And I must admit when I see Cambridge saying "critical thinking A-level will only be considered as a fourth A-level subject and will not therefore be accepted as part of a conditional offer" I begin to wonder.

Ask any student who has done critical thinking – which is really a spin-off from logic, the study of good thinking and a subject that really separates the intellectual wheat from the chaff – and they'll tell you it ain't easy.

Cambridge University, which is next year celebrating its 800th birthday, should really bring itself up to date.

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Clean up County Hall

As a regular reader, I applaud your efforts in exposing some of the strange schemes on which Kent County Council chooses to spend our rates and taxes.

Although they always seem to come up with answers which they claim justify their actions, you do at least bring these harebrained waste of money jollies to the notice of your readers.

However, can you explain why we, the rate-payers of Kent, have to be subjected to advertising on television and other media to be informed that we are so lucky to have a team of dedicated street cleaners – or whatever the correct job description might be – cleaning our streets and parks.

The cost of the company making the advert and the ongoing cost of running the advert must run into several thousands of pounds.

To my knowledge, this follows up a similar campaign use last year and I have no doubt there are many more in the pipeline.

Surely any services which the council have to supply should not need to be congratulated by the same council as to a job well done.

I've no doubt that all council employees do a good job but why waste our money telling us so? Would they tell us if the service was not up to standard?

Bob Holder
Gillingham

Let trains take the strain

I wholeheartedly support the views expressed in the article by Gerry Moore regarding lorries using the rail network to avoid Operation Stack, as a retired Kent police officer this just seems like common sense.

I am amazed the spare capacity on the railways is not used to better effect, it is criminal waste of an under-used rail facility, with our roads so congested, the amount of traffic will only get worse with increased delays.

This is the first article I have seen where someone has expressed my thoughts about solving the problem of lorries travelling to

TV's uncivilising influence

John Beyer correctly points the finger of blame of television for creating a sub-culture of foul mouthed, violence-obsessed misogynists.

Much of the population underestimates just what a powerful influence the medium of television truly is.

The mechanical box in the corner so many of us regard as simply a harmless invention for entertainment, is in fact a hypnotic electronic tutor that teaches us patterns of behaviour both good and bad.

Over the decades, refreshing, wholesome

and spiritually uplifting programmes have been pushed aside and replaced by an interminable deluge of gratuitously violent, sexually explicit and profane broadcasting.

This material is directed primarily at an audience who have been poorly educated and those with below-average intelligence – sadly the majority of viewers – and it is these people who are transforming into the rude, uncivilised human beings we see around us every day.

Clive Wilkins-Oppler
Canterbury

and from the Continent.

KCC's view is to build a lorry park to prevent further use of Operation Stack but how big do you build it? It does not matter however big you make it, it will not be big enough.

Putting the lorries on the railway makes sense and eases the traffic flow on our motorways and major road network, in particular through Kent and the South East of England.

The article did not mention the amount of road traffic accidents and delays caused by the lorries on our roads.

Tragically more and more foreign lorries are involved in fatal or very serious accidents.

This causes huge delays to anybody trying to move around the South East. Every fatal road traffic accident costs the country in excess of £1 million pounds apart from the grief, despair and personal suffering and loss to the family of the people involved.

Surely if only looking at it from a financial

position, with the increasing amount of accidents happening on the county's roads, this is a cost-effective way of getting the lorries off the roads of Kent and to arrive by rail at a distribution centre nearer to their destination.

I call on KCC in support of Mr Moore's article to review its thinking about a lorry park and push forward the proposal for lorries to be using the railways and arrive at distribution centres all over the country where they can go onto and off trains travelling to the Continent and beyond.

Alan Hayes
Teston

Keeping on trucking

As a truck driver for more than 30 years the argument between train and truck has been around far longer.

I would like to see less trucks on our already crowded roads, but I don't think the

rail could manage it, it has a job to take people from A to B let alone freight.

Also at what cost? If passenger fares are any guidelines I'd hate to think what our goods would cost us.

Then almost every bank holiday there are line closures and the bad weather etc, strikes by rail staff in different regions – it would not be viable.

We should take notice of our European partners and stop trucks moving about over weekends and also charge them.

We are basically still an island, so it would be easy to set up, this would discourage lots of trucks coming due to the costs they would incur across Europe.

I'm off to Germany now to deliver within 24 hours; could a train do that door-to-door? I don't think so.

R Staples
Hythe

Back of an envelope

We would like to make the following comments about the proposed lorry park between junctions 10 and 11 of the M20:

- agricultural land should be used for agricultural purposes
- no environmental impact assessment appears to have been carried out
- if a lorry park is the solution, it should be situated on a brownfield site
- the quick moveable barrier is yet to be tested and evaluated
- freight traffic carrying non-perishable goods should be prevented from entering Kent as soon as Operation Stack is implemented and directed to service areas and lorry parks further back in the motorway network where services and facilities are already in place to receive them
- freight hauliers should have in place their own contingency plans for the redirection of their transport to other ports in the south and east not affected by difficulties at Dover
- there is a good lorry park already on the

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BIESECK MORAES

Eden and Eliane of Canterbury are very proud and happy to announce the birth of their daughter, Barbara, on 3rd March 2008.

BISHOP

Tanya and Stephen of Margate are delighted to announce the birth of their beautiful baby daughter Lacey Jade, born on 8th March 2008 at QEQM. Sister to Josh.

BOOKER

Michael and Johanna Booker of Cobham are delighted to announce the birth of their son Toby Jacob born on 9th March 2008 weighing 6lb 12oz. Brother to Annabel.

CHURCH

Mason Alexander was born to proud parents Lee and Crystal on 24th February 2008 weighing 7lb 8oz a brother for Jodi.

CLARK

Emily Sophia born on 6th March 2008, weighing 7lb 2oz. Daughter to Jolanta and James Clark, sister to Thomas.

DAVIS

David and Clare of Whitstable are proud to announce the birth of their son, Frederick James, on 9th March 2008. Another West Bromwich Albion fan for Kent.

ELY-BEER

Liz and Ja celebrate the birth of their twin daughters Delcie and Beau Ely-Beer born on 13th March 2008.

EMMETT

Niamh Louisa Emmett born on 12th March 2008, weighing 5lb 9oz. Daughter to Karen Huxster and Martin Emmett of Maidstone.

GANNON

Chris and Helen of Whitstable are delighted to announce the birth of their son, George Edward Rhys Gannon, on 25th February 2008.

GERETY

Skye Elizabeth born on 7th March 2008, weighing 7lb 2oz. Daughter to Susannah and Kevin and Sister to Finn Gerety.

GLENIE

Sarah and Jason Glenie of Staplehurst celebrate the birth of their daughter Ella Charlotte Glenie on 13th February 2008.

GOACHER

Tim and Sharon of Tunbridge Wells are pleased to announce the birth of their daughter Valerie Marjorie Ann on 12th March 2008 weighing 7lb, a little sister for Sabrina.

HARBER

Kathleen Sarah Phoebe born on 14th February 2008 at the William Harvey Hospital Ashford, weighing 5lb 8oz. Daughter to George and Priscilla of Headcorn. Sister for Maryellen, George and Lenamaria. Named after special Auntie Kathy.

HARMAN

Tony and Kate are proud to announce the arrival of Shaun Jack Oliver, a brother to Nathan, on the 14th March 2008, weighing 7lb 4oz.

HARRIS

Glen and Vicky of Margate celebrate the birth of their beautiful daughter Molly Emma-Louise on 14th March 2008. You are the miracle who we will love and treasure forever.

HOGGIN

To Gary and Lisa of Herne Bay a beautiful third daughter, Mia Louise Hogbin, born on 15th March 2008 at Kent and Canterbury Hospital. A new sister for Chloe and Ellie.

ILLINGWORTH

Rowan Marc Illingworth born 9:45pm on Tuesday 11th March 2008 at home in East Farleigh, weighing 7lb 10oz, all the family well and happy.

KENNARD

Paul and Olena of Oare are delighted and proud to announce the birth of their second son, Andrew, born on 17th March 2008. A new baby brother for Anthony.

KIRKHAM LANGRIDGE

Scarlett Ruby Lily born on 7th March 2008 weighing 5lb 15oz. Daughter to Lorraine and Ryan, sister to Ethan and Drew. You are the miracle who we will love and cherish forever.

LEDGER

Rob and Sam of Whitstable are absolutely delighted to announce the safe arrival of their precious daughter, Sophie Violet, on 19th March 2008.

LOVEJOY

Chloe May born on 14th March 2008 weighing 7lb 2oz. Daughter to Gemma and Edward Lovejoy of Woodchurch.

MACKINS

Leah and Paul are very pleased to announce the arrival of Anya on 11th March 2008. Little sister to Che and Alfie.

McSHANE

Jaimie and Louisa of Whitstable are delighted to announce the birth of their second daughter, Scarlett Alexi, who was born very suddenly on the way to the Queen Elizabeth the Queen Mother Hospital on 11th March 2008. A new baby sister for Lennie, Frazer and Honey.

NEEDHAM

Leighton and Chloe of Canterbury are absolutely delighted to announce the safe arrival of their twins, a daughter Bindi-Grace and a son Brodie-Leslie, they were born on 15th March 2008. A new baby brother and sister for Ashley, Kelsey and Sharna.

NEWELL

Matt Newell and Laura Thompson of Bearsted would like to announce the birth of their daughter Chloe Linda Newell, born on 16th March 2008. Welcome to the world.

NORCOTT

Peter Robert Norcott of Albany Motors of Broadstairs passed away on 18th March at QEQM. Funeral takes place at Thanet Crematorium Margate on Monday 31st March at 11:20am. All friends are welcome.

PHULL

Jaswinder and Jotan Phull are delighted to announce the birth of their first grandchild Kamran Singh Phull. He was born at 1.03pm on the 5th March 2008 and weighed 6lb 11oz.

ROSE

Harvey and Michelle of Oare are delighted to announce the birth of their beautiful daughter, Lucy Susan, on 6th March 2008.

SLATTERY

Camilla and Martin are proud to announce the birth of their son Markus Anders on 19th March 2008 at Pembury Hospital weighing 9lb 13oz. We love you and treasure every moment x.

STEPHENSON

Aaron Stephenson and Kelly Gurr are delighted to announce the birth of their son, Oliver Ronald Stephenson, on 19th March 2008.

SULLIVAN

Nicola and Michael of Ramsgate are delighted to announce the birth of their son Lowan Michael, born on 8th March 2008 at QEQM.

TAYLOR-CHRISTIAN

Gemma is proud to announce the safe arrival of Harrison born on 7th March 2008 weighing 8lb 11oz.

TURNER

Paul and Louise Turner of Headcorn celebrate the birth of their daughter Eve Joelle Turner born on 29th February 2008, weighing 9lb.

DEATHS

ADDY

Anthony Albert of Ashford died peacefully on 23rd March. Funeral service at Charing Crematorium at 3.20pm on 4th April 2008. Will be fondly remembered by his family and friends.

ALSTON

Olave Muriel Alston of Seasalter passed away peacefully at the Whitstable and Tankerton Hospital on 20th March 2008. Funeral enquiries to C W Lyons of Whitstable.

BYRNE

Roy Byrne died peacefully on 17th March 2008. Funeral service at Barham Crematorium at Noon on 31st March. Sadly missed by family and friends.

COCKELL

Margaret Harriet Cockell of Sittingbourne died peacefully on 19th March 2008 at Court Regis Care Home, Milton Regis aged 97 years. Survived by her three children Bryan, Patricia and Marlene and sister Edith. Funeral enquiries to R High and Son of Sittingbourne. Family flowers only but if desired donations to Court Regis Care Home.

EASTWAY

Jean Eastway of Lenham passed away peacefully on 20th March 2008. Enquiries to A W Court Funeral Directors, Grafty Green 01622 850840.

GRIER

Cynthia Kathleen of Hythe, passed away in the William Harvey Hospital on 12th March 2008, aged 82. Funeral at Saltwood Church 1.45pm Tuesday 8th April. Cremation 2.45 at Hawkinge.

HARLEY

Madeline Harley died peacefully on 9th March 2008, aged 49. Funeral service at Medway Crematorium at 2:45 on 1st April.

HYDER

John Frank Hyder of Canterbury passed away peacefully at his home on 14th March 2008. Beloved husband of Sheila and father to Graham, grandad to Joanne. The funeral was held on March 27th at Barham.

JENNER

John William Jenner of Herne Bay passed away suddenly but peacefully, in his sleep, on 20th March 2008. Sadly missed by Pat, David and Andrew. The funeral is to be held on Friday 4th April at 2.40 at Thanet Crematorium.

JONES

Harold Jones of Herne Bay passed away peacefully after a short illness on 23rd March 2008. Sadly missed by his son David and family. The funeral is to be held on 4th April at 1.20pm at Barham Crematorium. Flowers to Herne Bay Funeral Services, Sea Street, Herne Bay or donations to the Pilgrims Hospice, Canterbury.

LEESON

Joan Leeson of Maidstone passed away on 12th March 2008. To live in the hearts of those left behind is to live forever.

LEWIS

Peter Frank of Sissinghurst died suddenly on 18th March 2008. Much loved husband of Vivienne, devoted father to Heather and Brian. Funeral Service at St. Laurence Church Hawkhurst on Thursday 3rd April at 2.15pm. Family flowers, donations in his memory can be made to the British Heart Foundation c/o C. Waterhouse Burwash.

MAIRS

James McClements, aged 51, of Hamstreet died peacefully on 16th March 2008 after a long illness. Will be sadly missed by his wife Jane, and sons Callum and Ryan, and all his family and friends.

McCAULEY

Queenie Eileen McCauley passed away on 15th March 2008 after a long illness. Enquiries to Sears Funeral Services Maidstone.

SHAW

Robert Harry Shaw passed away on 24th March 2008, aged 76.

WHITE

Thomas White of Herne Bay passed away suddenly at home on 17th March 2008. Beloved husband of Dilys and loving father to Glenn and Jill, much loved grandad to Michael, Anne-Marie, Laura, Danny and Andraya. He will be very sadly missed by all who knew him. The funeral took place on Friday 28th March at Barham Crematorium.

WILKINSON

William Frederick Wilkinson of Deal passed away suddenly, at his home, on 18th March 2008. Greatly missed by his family and friends. The funeral was held on 28th March at Barham Crematorium.

YOUNG

Yvonne of Plaxtol died peacefully at home on 21st March 2008. Much loved wife, mother, granny and friend. Funeral at Plaxtol Church on Friday 4th April 2008 at 12.30pm. Enquiries to Abbey Funeral Services 01732 360328

IN MEMORIUM

HOWKER

Ian Gerard Howker, died suddenly on the 9th March 2008. Jean, Nathan and Cheryl would like to thank relatives, friends and neighbours who attended Ian's service of remembrance at Bybrook Cemetery and thank them for their donations to charity. Special thanks to Angela. Ian will be sadly missed and always remembered.

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outskirts of Ashford which is capable of substantial expansion

- given the six figure (and secret) salaries of a number of KCC staff, council taxpayers expect a range of innovative solutions from such high-flyers. Instead we have been presented with what appears to be a single inappropriate proposal cobbled together on the back of an envelope
- the decision to present such a proposal has been influenced by the small number of rural inhabitants of Sellindge, Aldington, Smeeth, and surrounding areas that can be expected to object, as opposed to the large number of inhabitants of towns along the route such as Maidstone, Ashford, Folkestone, Dover, etc, who will all be breathing a sigh of relief that the lorry park will not be in their backyards.

Judy and Steve Williams
Sellindge

answer. Any lorry park that is built must have its own entrance and exit off/on the motorway.

Already we have contacted Kent highway services twice to have the main road outside our house resurfaced due to the lorries breaking up the road. This in turn makes our house shake which is not a nice experience or good for our foundations.

There is also a huge safety aspect to 3,000 lorries coming out of a lorry park, going up the A20 to rejoin the motorway at junction 11.

There is a primary school in Sellindge on the main road, shops, traffic lights under the motorway – which nobody monitors when Stack is on even though we have complained about this too. I did not buy my house to have my quality of life ruined by 3,000 lorries coming past my house, causing dust, dirt, noise and generally being a nuisance.

Sharon Mulligan
Newingreen

Cannes it be green?

I was concerned to read about the "vital" property conference in Cannes which included representatives from Kent County Council and the South East England Development Agency. It was reported that more than 28,000

delegates attended the conference. As the delegates came from all over the world most of them would have flown.

How much CO2 was emitted by all those flights? I would have thought that what was "vital" for Kent and the planet was getting CO2 emissions down and reducing global warming.

Marc Hurstfield
Northfleet

Power to the people

When will the people realise the remedy to rip-off council tax bills, lousy public services, heavy handed parking enforcement and all draconian local government is in their hands?

What we need are people to stand for election to their local council, who are prepared to do what the people want and not what the unelected and often overpaid council officials decree.

We must vote out the likes of Cllr Paul Clokie and vote in more like the late Gordon Turner.

Who among us voted for fortnightly rubbish collections or fines for people who get it wrong?

And what about parking enforcement by CCTV cameras or the paramilitary parking enforcement officers?

When did you last see a police officer apart from in your rear-view mirror?

Or a man repairing a pothole in the road? Were we ever consulted or asked our opinions on any of these issues?

Until local government is returned to the people through councillors prepared to do the job they were elected to do then the great council tax rip-off will continue.

Christopher Newcombe
Newchurch

Fight for the Gurkhas

Is there anything we, the ordinary people, can do to help the plight of the Gurkhas?

As an octanegarian, I have a lifetime of hearing about these gallant men.

One of my family once fought beside them and admired not only their fighting prowess but also their extreme loyalty to this country.

The treatment being meted out to them is atrocious to say the least. Letters seem to be ignored, yet if the 'illegals' in our prisons were to be deported, the financial rewards would go a long way to cover the comparatively small costs of behaving properly to these men.

O McGregor
Aldington

Problems stacking up

I accept that a long-term solution needs to be found to the situation when Operation Stack is put into action.

But a lorry park near Sellindge is not the

WIN! tickets to the European Kit & Car Builder Show

THE 18th European Kit & Car Builder Show races into the Kent County Showground Detling near Maidstone on Saturday and Sunday April 12-13, showcasing the finest hand-built super cars and replicas in the UK.

Ample free parking, plenty of great food, quad-bike rides for the kids and a children's funfair will make for a great half-term day out for the whole family.

Those unfamiliar with kit cars will be blown away by their superb build quality, replicating the world's finest super cars in everything but badge. For those already taken by these beautiful driving machines, the show is a great way to catch up with this unique industry and its manufacturers.

A record number of more than 40 manufacturers will be displaying their enviable creations, joined by 50 trade stands, 30 kit car clubs, and more than 400 privately-owned kit cars.

The show is all about motoring entertainment and it doesn't get much better than the multiple donuts and extreme cornering of the Slalom Event, where an unforgettable ride in a Westfield is sure to make any visitor's day.

Whether looking for pure entertainment, advice on building your own car or to stock up on vital parts, the Detling Kit & Car Builder Show 2008 has it all this April.

The show takes place at The Kent County Showground, Detling near Maidstone, (junction 7 M20) on Saturday and Sunday April 12-13 from 10am-5pm both days. Adults £9 children 12 years and under £2.



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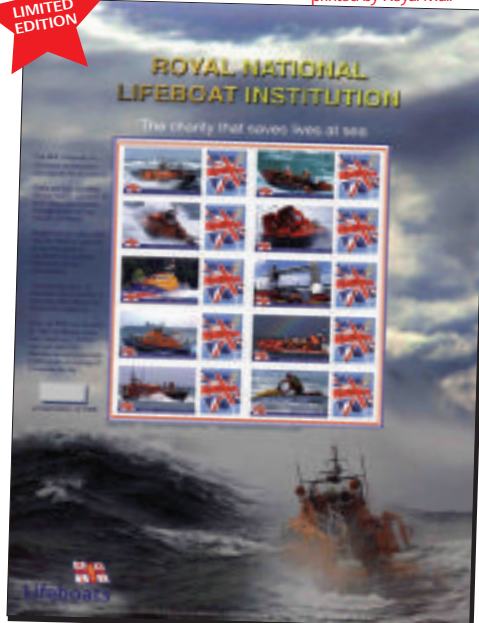
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EcoCampus, which is run by the Higher Education Funding Council for England, helps and rewards universities move toward environmental sustainability. This is done by improving resource efficiency through reducing energy consumption – encouraging recycling and preventing pollution.

James Cheney, the university's deputy director of safety, health and environment, said: "Being a member of the EcoCampus enables the university to demonstrate publicly both commitment to environmental issues and the desire to achieve continual improvement in its environmental management."

The university is now working towards the first benchmark – the bronze award.

Learn language of European business at evening classes

By PHIL REILLY

BUSINESS owners are being given the chance to broaden their horizons with new foreign languages courses at Canterbury Christ Church University.

The university has brought in French and Spanish teachers to teach people all they need to know to be able to get by in business dealings with their European counterparts.

The 12-week courses are aimed at beginners who want to be able to learn enough Spanish and French to participate in everyday business situations.

Some of the themes tackled in the courses include telephone conversations, getting what you want, travel and accommodation, talking about work and basic correspondence.

Eileen Terry, project manager at the university's Centre for Business Development, said:

"The courses will enable businesses to communicate with their French or Spanish counterparts more effectively and confidently. The funding received from the Higher Education Funding Council has significantly reduced the cost of the course for participants and the skills gained are practical and will be of benefit to the business community."

The classes will take place on Wednesday evenings, starting from April 16.

Each 12 week course consists of one evening taught session per week between 6pm and 8pm to allow learners to fit study around existing work commitments.

Because the courses are subsidised by the Higher Education Funding Council there is only a one-off £60 fee to attend.

Places are limited so early booking is

advised. To do so, or for more information, call Eileen Terry on 01227 767700 ext 3821 or email eileen.terry@canterbury.ac.uk.

Christ Church is also hoping to boost Kent companies with a talk by a former business adviser.

Simon Teague, a former senior director of Nat West Business Banking who has also worked with business support agencies such as the Prince's Trust and Business Link, will be giving a presentation on Monday, April 21.

Entitled 'Healthy Organisations', it is the third in a series of talks at the university aimed at bringing expertise to local firms.

It will take place at 5.30pm at the university's Hall Place Enterprise Centre in Harbledown, near Canterbury. It costs £40, which includes a buffet lunch.

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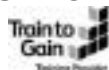
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The 19-year-old rushed to the man when he collapsed in the hospital reception.

She said: "When I saw the man lying unconscious on the floor I ran over to him while my colleague went to get help. I knew from my training that I should check his breathing and pulse."

Miss Harvey, along with one of the hospital's cleaning team Michael Stevens, put the patient into the recovery position and waited for help.

In 2010 when her training is completed she wants to work as a cardiac nurse.

Alison Cork, senior lecturer at the university's school of health and social care, said: "Megan's actions were beyond the call of duty for a very junior student nurse and the gentleman survived, partly due to her efforts. I am delighted the trust has recognised her."



CARING: Megan was presented the award by Mark Devlin, chief executive of Dartford and Gravesham NHS Trust

Mark Devlin, chief executive of Dartford and Gravesham NHS Trust said: "I am delighted to present this award in recognition of Megan's and Michael's actions in turning what could have been a tragic incident into a life saving event. Well done!"



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Email elkig001@medway.org.uk

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Full time and permanent
Required From: 1 September 2008
Closing Date: 31 March 2008
To apply/more information
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Brompton Westbrook Primary School
Kings Bastion, Brompton
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Telephone - (01634) 844152
Email office@
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Full time and permanent
Required From: 1 September 2008
Closing Date: 31 March 2008
To apply/more information
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The School Office
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Kent ME3 9BS
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St Benedict's Roman Catholic Primary School

Key stage 1 & 2 teachers
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Required From: 1 September 2008
Closing Date: 3 April 2008
To apply/more information
Mrs Mrs Barbara Salamonzky,
Headteacher
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Telephone - (01634) 669700
Email headteacher@st-benedicts.medway.sch.uk

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Closing Date: 3 April 2008
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Foundation Teacher
Salary: MPS/UPS
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Closing Date: 28 April 2008
To apply/more information
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Required From: 1 September 2008
Closing Date: 31 March 2008
To apply/more information
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Teacher of English
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Required From: 1 September 2008
or earlier Closing date: 25 April 2008
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To apply/more information
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Teacher

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Closing Date: 30 April 2008
To apply/more information
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St John Fisher Catholic Comprehensive School

Teacher of English
Salary: MPS/UPS
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Required From: 1 September 2008
Closing Date: 3 April 2008
To apply/more information

Mr D Kelly, Headteacher
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Comprehensive School
Ordinance Street
Chatham
Kent ME4 6DP
Telephone - (01634) 842811
Email: headteacher@st-johnfisher.medway.sch.uk

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Teacher of Modern Foreign
Languages
Salary: MPS/UPS
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To apply/more information
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Teacher of Law
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Full time and permanent
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Assistant Faculty Leader

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Assistant Faculty Leader of
Religious Education
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Email: headteacher@st-johnfisher.medway.sch.uk

Head of Department Greenacre School

Subject Leader in English
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Head of Technology
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Required From: 1 September 2008
Closing date: 4 April 2008
To apply/more information
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The Howard School
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Kent ME8 0BX
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St John Fisher Catholic Comprehensive School

Faculty Leader of Religious
Education
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Required From: 1 September 2008
Closing Date: 3 April 2008
To apply/more information
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St John Fisher Catholic
Comprehensive School
Ordinance Street
Chatham
Kent ME4 6DP
Telephone - (01634) 842811
Email headteacher@st-johnfisher.medway.sch.uk

Chatham South School

Head of ICT
Salary: MPS/UPS + TLRc
Full time and permanent
Required From: 1 September 2008
Closing Date: 21 April 2008
To apply/more information
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- Experience of partnership working including ability to negotiate with, and encourage partners to work together and support the role of the Community Safety Partnership.
- Good communication and presentation skills both written and verbal.
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- Proficiency in interpretation of statistics and relevant analytical products, and budgetary control.
- Driving Licence and occasional use of a vehicle for work.

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We also supply staff to both nursing/care homes and hospitals. Non drivers may be considered for these assignments.

We support our care staff to achieve NVQ qualifications.

If you are over 18 and feel you could make a difference and are committed to a career in care then we would like to hear from you.

For further details and to arrange an interview please call
Julie Epsley Free on **0800 084 2200** (9.00am - 10.00pm)
Email: info@bayada.co.uk www.bayada.co.uk

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ADMINISTRATION, SECRETARIAL, PA

JOB TITLE:
**Administration
Assistant**

LOCATION:
Gravesend
SALARY:
£6.00 per hour
COMPANY:
AJP Publishing

General admin in this busy publishing company, to help with mailings, and general support to the sales team, possible flexi time or part time.
TO APPLY:
Karen
AJP Publishing
Tel: 01474 359527
Email
applications@jobsforkent.co.uk

JOB TITLE:
Flexible Individual

LOCATION:
Sevenoaks
SALARY:
TBA
COMPANY:
Undisclosed

TO APPLY:
Undisclosed
Email jan.wood@kosmedia.co.uk

JOB TITLE:
Morning Receptionist

LOCATION:
Edenbridge
SALARY:
£13,619 to £15,440 pro rata
COMPANY:
Valence School

TO APPLY:
Julie Usher-Sparks
Valence School
Tel: 01959-562156
Email jusher-sparks@valence.kent.sch.uk

JOB TITLE:
**New Homes Advisor
Vacancies**

LOCATION:
Kent
SALARY:
TBA
COMPANY:
Acorn Land & New Homes

TO APPLY:
Karen Hedges
Acorn Land & New Homes
Tel: 020 8663 4487
Email karen.hedges@acorn.ltd.uk

JOB TITLE:
**Part Time Typist/
Administration
Assistant**

LOCATION:
Sittingbourne
SALARY:
TBA

COMPANY:
McCabe Ford Williams
Applicants should have audio typing skills and knowledge of Microsoft Word is essential. Regular hours are 2pm to 5pm Tuesday to Friday but additional hours will be required to cover holiday leave. Please send C.V. to Angela Anderson at McCabe Ford Williams, Bank Chambers, 1 Central Avenue, Sittingbourne ME10 4AE.
TO APPLY:
Angela Anderson
McCabe Ford Williams
Email angela.anderson@mfww.co.uk

JOB TITLE:
Personal Assistants

LOCATION:
Kent
SALARY:
£16,221 pro rata
COMPANY:
Kent County Council

TO APPLY:
Kent County Council
Tel: 0845 8247 904
Email recruitment.line@kent.gov.uk
CLOSING DATE
Monday 9th April 2008

AGRICULTURE, FORESTRY, ENVIRONMENT

JOB TITLE:
**Wheelman / Collector -
Leas Lift**

LOCATION:
Folkestone
SALARY:
£11,720 pa pro rata
COMPANY:
Shepway District Council

TO APPLY:
Laura Pinkham
Shepway District Council
Tel: 01303 247376
Email jobs@shepway.gov.uk
CLOSING DATE
Friday 11 April 2008

ART AND DESIGN

JOB TITLE:
Artworker

LOCATION:
Chatham
SALARY:
Competitive Salary
COMPANY:
Zest

TO APPLY:
Zest
Email alan.young@thinkzest.com

CATERING, HOSPITALITY

JOB TITLE:
Housekeeper

LOCATION:
Aylesford
SALARY:
£5.52 per hr
COMPANY:
Friars (The)

TO APPLY:
Friars (The)
Tel: 01622 717272
Email
applications@jobsforkent.co.uk

JOB TITLE:
**Part-time Catering
Assistants**

LOCATION:
Aylesford
SALARY:
£6.36 - £8.30 per hour + £1.27 per hour shift allowance + benefits
COMPANY:
Waitrose

TO APPLY:
Waitrose
Tel: 01344 825758
Email
applications@jobsforkent.co.uk
CLOSING DATE
5th April 2008

CONSTRUCTION, ARCHITECTURE, SURVEYORS

JOB TITLE:
Contracts Manager

LOCATION:
Ashford
SALARY:
Negotiable
COMPANY:
GSE Group

TO APPLY:
Sue Barlow
GSE Group
Tel: 01233 506320
Email sue.barlow@gse-group.com

JOB TITLE:
Contracts Surveyor

LOCATION:
Ashford
SALARY:
Negotiable
COMPANY:
GSE Group

TO APPLY:
Sue Barlow
GSE Group
Tel: 01233 506320
Email sue.barlow@gse-group.com

JOB TITLE:
**Joinery Workshop
Foreman / Manager**

LOCATION:
Faversham
SALARY:
TBA
COMPANY:
Burton Group

TO APPLY:
Burton Group
Tel: 01795 520011
Email
applications@jobsforkent.co.uk

CUSTOMER SERVICE, CALL CENTRE

JOB TITLE:
**Customer Service
Assistants**

LOCATION:
Rochester
SALARY:
TBA
COMPANY:
Dawsons News

TO APPLY:
Dawsons News
Tel: 0208 77443000
Email hr-croydon@dawsonnews.co.uk

JOB TITLE:
**Customer Services
Team Leader**

LOCATION:
Rochester
SALARY:
TBA
COMPANY:
Dawsons News

TO APPLY:
Dawsons News
Tel: 0208 77443000
Email hr-croydon@dawsonnews.co.uk

JOB TITLE:
**Receptionist / Meeter
Greeter**

LOCATION:
Tonbridge
SALARY:
Competitive salary package
COMPANY:
Porsche Centre Tonbridge

TO APPLY:
Louise Mitchell
Porsche Centre Tonbridge
Email louise.mitchell@porsche-tonbridge.co.uk

JOB TITLE:
**Sales Support
Engineer**

LOCATION:
Broadstairs



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SALARY:
TBC
COMPANY:
Instro Precision Ltd
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TO APPLY:
The Personnel Manager
Instro Precision Ltd
Tel: 01843 604455
Email kos@instro.com

DOMESTIC

JOB TITLE:
Cleaners
LOCATION:
Gravesend
SALARY:
TBA
COMPANY:
Rayneshurst Community Primary School
One needed to join our morning team working 6am-8am and one to join our evening team working 6pm-8pm. Both positions are for 5 days per week term time only, with additional hours during the summer break. A full enhanced disclosure check will be required. If you are interested please contact the school office on for an application form.
TO APPLY:
Rayneshurst Community Primary School
Tel: 01474 361193
Email carolken@raynehurst-primary.kent.sch.uk

EDUCATION, TEACHER, SCHOOL

JOB TITLE:
Assessor in Catering
LOCATION:
Folkestone
SALARY:
TBA
COMPANY:
South Kent College
TO APPLY:
South Kent College
Tel: 0845 207 8222
Email humanresources@southkent.ac.uk
CLOSING DATE
7th April 2008

JOB TITLE:
Assistant Faculty Leader of Religious Education
LOCATION:
Chatham
SALARY:
MPS/UPS + TLR 2c (£2,364)
COMPANY:
St John Fisher Catholic Comprehensive School
TO APPLY:
Mr D Kelly
St John Fisher Catholic Comprehensive School
Tel: 01634 842811
Email headteacher@st-johnfisher.medway.sch.uk
CLOSING DATE
28 April 2008

JOB TITLE:
Deputy Headteacher
LOCATION:
Rochester
SALARY:
L1-L5
COMPANY:
Stoke Community School
TO APPLY:
Carolyn Cassettari
Stoke Community School
Tel: 01634 2702678
Email headteacher@stoke.medway.sch.uk
CLOSING DATE
3 April 2008

JOB TITLE:
Director of Learning
LOCATION:
Aylesford
SALARY:
Leadership Scale Points 5 - 9
COMPANY:
Aylesford School - Sports College
Aylesford School - Sports College is an innovative forward looking Specialist Sports College. We have a strong community ethos where we put the learner at the heart of everything we do. You are invited to apply for the post of Director of Learning. At Aylesford School - Sports College we can offer you:-
• A brand new school.
• Outstanding new facilities in all areas.
• A highly regarded CPD programme with personal professional pathways.
• A buzzing and vibrant staff who are friendly and keen to help one another.

• A forward looking curriculum with individualised pathways for students. For an application pack please contact Miss Jill McKenna or email your request to jill.mckenna@aylesford.kent.sch.uk. Fairview Community Primary School should be accompanied by a letter of application including how your experience to date will contribute to the School and specially this developing role.
TO APPLY:
Jill McKenna
Aylesford School - Sports College
Tel: 01622 717341
Email jill.mckenna@aylesford.kent.sch.uk
CLOSING DATE
08/04/2008

JOB TITLE:
Examination Invigilators
LOCATION:
Ashford
SALARY:
TBA
COMPANY:
Ellington High
TO APPLY:
Mandy Dunn
Ellington High
Tel: 01843 572508
Email mdunn@ellingtonsg.co.uk

JOB TITLE:
Faculty Leader of Religious Education
LOCATION:
Ashford
SALARY:
MPS/UPS + TLR 1a (£1,557)
COMPANY:
St John Fisher Catholic Comprehensive School
TO APPLY:
Mr D Kelly
St John Fisher Catholic Comprehensive School
Tel: 01634 842811
Email headteacher@st-johnfisher.medway.sch.uk
CLOSING DATE
3 April 2008

JOB TITLE:
Floristry Lecturer
LOCATION:
Canterbury
SALARY:
£21,767 to £29,337 pa
COMPANY:
Hadow College
We are looking to recruit a full time lecturer to join our existing vibrant and enthusiastic Floristry team, delivering a range of Floristry courses to our Further and Higher Education students. You must therefore have practical experience of working in the industry, teaching experience in a practical or classroom setting and a Level 3 Floristry qualification such as the ANC. The ICSF qualification would also be an advantage. In addition to the minimum requirements detailed above, candidates will also need a teaching qualification or the willingness to work towards one, excellent communication and IT skills and the ability to work well as part of a team. Qualifications A1/A2 (or D32 and D33) would also be an advantage. The successful candidate will also need to be flexible, as the full time hours will include teaching some evening classes and travelling to our satellite centres, currently in Motttingham, South East London and Canterbury, Kent. As well as contributory pension scheme, sponsorship for further vocational training and free car parking, this post also attracts 35 days holiday each year (excluding bank holidays).
TO APPLY:
Hadow College
Tel: 01732 850551
Email jobs@hadow.ac.uk
CLOSING DATE
21st April 2008

JOB TITLE:
Foundation Stage Leader
LOCATION:
Rochester
SALARY:
MPS/UPS + TLRb
COMPANY:
St James' CofE VA Primary School
TO APPLY:
St James' CofE VA Primary School
Tel: 01634 270341
Email office@stjames.medway.sch.uk
CLOSING DATE
4 April 2008

JOB TITLE:
Foundation Teacher
LOCATION:
Gillingham
SALARY:
MPS/UPS
COMPANY:
Fairview Community Primary School

Full time and fixed term - Term of contract: 1 Year Fairview Community Primary School Brewery Drive Wigmore Gillingham ME8 0NU.
TO APPLY:
Diana Parker
Fairview Community Primary School
Tel: 01634 338710
Email office@fairviewprimary.medway.sch.uk
CLOSING DATE
28 April 2008

JOB TITLE:
Foundation/KS1 Teacher
LOCATION:
Gillingham
SALARY:
MPS/UPS
COMPANY:
Parkwood Infant School
Parkwood Infant School Deanwood Drive Rainham Gillingham ME8 9LP.
TO APPLY:
Lindsay Mackenzie
Parkwood Infant School
Tel: 01634 234625
Email office@parkwoodinf.medway.sch.uk
CLOSING DATE
31 March 2008

JOB TITLE:
Foundation/KS1 Teacher
LOCATION:
Gillingham
SALARY:
MPS/UPS
COMPANY:
Parkwood Infant School
TO APPLY:
Lindsay Mackenzie
Parkwood Infant School
Tel: 01634 234625
Email office@parkwoodinf.medway.sch.uk
CLOSING DATE
31 March 2008

JOB TITLE:
Head of ICT
LOCATION:
Chatham
SALARY:
MPS/UPS + TLRc
COMPANY:
Chatham South School
Chatham South School Letchworth Avenue Chatham ME4 6NT
TO APPLY:
Mrs Maureen Chipperfield
Chatham South School
Tel: 01634 04277
Email Headteacher@chathamssouth.medway.sch.uk
CLOSING DATE
21 April 2008

JOB TITLE:
KS 2 Teacher
LOCATION:
Gillingham
SALARY:
MPS/UPS
COMPANY:
Brompton Westbrook Primary School
TO APPLY:
Mrs C Knight
Brompton Westbrook Primary School
Tel: 01634 844152
Email office@bromptonwestbrook.medway.sch.uk
CLOSING DATE
31 March 2008

JOB TITLE:
KS2 Teacher
LOCATION:
Chatham
SALARY:
MPS/UPS
COMPANY:
Balfour Junior School
TO APPLY:
Balfour Junior School
Tel: 01634 301070
Email elkig001@medway.org.uk
CLOSING DATE
1 May 2008

JOB TITLE:
KS3/4 Art Teacher
LOCATION:
Kent
SALARY:
£26,235 - £30,438
COMPANY:
City College Manchester
TO APPLY:
Personnel Section,
City College Manchester
Tel: 0161 611 7589 / 7548
Email personnel@ccm.ac.uk
CLOSING DATE
11 April 2008

JOB TITLE:
KS3/4 Science Teacher
LOCATION:
Kent
SALARY:
£26,235 - £30,438
COMPANY:
City College Manchester
We require an experienced and enthusiastic Science Teacher to help organise, develop and deliver learning opportunities in Science up to Key Stage 4. You will serve as a tutor, assessing and advising

students of their academic success and monitoring their overall progress. You will be a Science Graduate with a PGCE qualification, have experience of teaching each of the disciplines and preferably have experience of administering and/or delivering Entry Level GCSE. The ability to offer another teaching subject, especially English, would be advantageous.
TO APPLY:
Personnel Section,
City College Manchester
Tel: 0161 611 7589 / 7548
Email personnel@ccm.ac.uk
CLOSING DATE
11 April 2008

JOB TITLE:
Lecturing in Catering
LOCATION:
Ashford
SALARY:
TBA
COMPANY:
South Kent College
Variable lecturer required to teach a range of Catering courses up to NVQ Level 2 in a realistic working environment. You will have an NVQ Level 3 or equivalent in Catering, 3 years' recent and relevant industrial experience and Basic Food Hygiene qualification. Above all you will be committed to student success.
TO APPLY:
South Kent College
Tel: 0845 207 8222
Email humanresources@southkent.ac.uk
CLOSING DATE
7th April 2008

JOB TITLE:
Qualified Teachers
LOCATION:
Kent
SALARY:
TBA
COMPANY:
Link Education
Secondary and Primary Join our team for work throughout Kent Call now for an interview.
TO APPLY:
Link Education
Tel: 0845 130 4586
Email linkeducation@btconnect.com

JOB TITLE:
Section Manager Equine, Animal Care, Veterinary Services and Environmental Conservation
LOCATION:
Canterbury
SALARY:
£32,808 per annum
COMPANY:
Canterbury College
TO APPLY:
Personnel Office
Canterbury College
Tel: 01227 811282
Email applications@jobsforkent.co.uk
CLOSING DATE
18th April 2008

JOB TITLE:
Subject Leader in English
LOCATION:
Chatham
SALARY:
MPS/UPS + TLR 1b (£9,981)
COMPANY:
Greenacre School
TO APPLY:
Mr A J Reese
Greenacre School
Tel: 01634 861593
Email office@greenacre.medway.sch.uk
CLOSING DATE
30 April 2008

JOB TITLE:
Teacher of Business Studies
LOCATION:
Aylesford
SALARY:
Main Scale
COMPANY:
Aylesford School - Sports College
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• A brand new school.
• Outstanding new facilities in all areas.
• NQT/ New staff induction package that is second to none.
• A highly regarded CPD programme with personal professional pathways.
• A buzzing and vibrant staff who are friendly and keen to help one another.
• A forward looking curriculum with individualised pathways for students.
• We are looking for a committed professional who:-
• Is able to start in September.
• Can motivate pupils through the learning opportunities and a good understanding of inspection equipment within an engineering

• Is able to teach Business Studies at key stage 3 and 4.
TO APPLY:
Jill McKenna
Aylesford School - Sports College
Tel: 01622 717341
Email jill.mckenna@aylesford.kent.sch.uk
CLOSING DATE
8th April 2008

JOB TITLE:
Teacher of English
LOCATION:
Chatham
SALARY:
MPS/UPS
COMPANY:
St John Fisher Catholic Comprehensive School
TO APPLY:
Mr D Kelly
St John Fisher Catholic Comprehensive School
Tel: 01634 842811
Email headteacher@st-johnfisher.medway.sch.uk
CLOSING DATE
3 April 2008

JOB TITLE:
Teacher of ICT
LOCATION:
Aylesford
SALARY:
Main Scale
COMPANY:
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• NQT/ New staff induction package that is second to none.
• A highly regarded CPD programme with personal professional pathways.
• A buzzing and vibrant staff who are friendly and keen to help one another.
• A forward looking curriculum with individualised pathways for students.
• We are looking for a committed professional who:-
• Is able to start in September.
• Can motivate pupils through the curriculum.
• Has the desire to make the difference.
• Is focussed on developing their career further.
• Is able to teach ICT at key stage 3 and 4.

TO APPLY:
Jill McKenna
Aylesford School - Sports College
Tel: 01622 717341
Email jill.mckenna@aylesford.kent.sch.uk
CLOSING DATE
08/04/2008

JOB TITLE:
Teacher of Law
LOCATION:
Chatham
SALARY:
MPS/UPS
COMPANY:
St John Fisher Catholic Comprehensive School
TO APPLY:
Mr D Kelly
St John Fisher Catholic Comprehensive School
Tel: 01634 842811
Email headteacher@st-johnfisher.medway.sch.uk
CLOSING DATE
28 April 2008

JOB TITLE:
Teacher of Modern Foreign Languages
LOCATION:
Chatham
SALARY:
MPS/UPS
COMPANY:
St John Fisher Catholic Comprehensive School
TO APPLY:
Mr D Kelly
St John Fisher Catholic Comprehensive School
Tel: 01634 842811
Email headteacher@st-johnfisher.medway.sch.uk
CLOSING DATE
28 April 2008

JOB TITLE:
Teacher of Modern Foreign Languages
LOCATION:
Chatham
SALARY:
MPS/UPS
COMPANY:
St John Fisher Catholic Comprehensive School
TO APPLY:
Mr D Kelly
St John Fisher Catholic Comprehensive School
Tel: 01634 842811
Email headteacher@st-johnfisher.medway.sch.uk
CLOSING DATE
28 April 2008

JOB TITLE:
Teacher of Science
LOCATION:
Aylesford
SALARY:
Main Scale
COMPANY:
Aylesford School - Sports College
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• A highly regarded CPD programme with personal

professional pathways.
• Your own laptop.
• A buzzing and vibrant staff who are friendly and keen to help one another.
• A forward looking curriculum with individualised pathways for students.
• We are looking for a committed professional who:-
• Is able to start in September.
• Can motivate pupils through the curriculum.
• Has the desire to make the difference.
• Is focussed on developing their career further.
• Is able to teach Science at key stage 3 and 4.
TO APPLY:
Jill McKenna
Aylesford School - Sports College
Tel: 01622 717341
Email jill.mckenna@aylesford.kent.sch.uk
CLOSING DATE
08/04/2008

JOB TITLE:
Teaching Assistants
LOCATION:
Kent
SALARY:
£13,619
COMPANY:
Kent County Council
TO APPLY:
Kent County Council
Tel: 0845 8247 904
Email recruitment.line@kent.gov.uk
CLOSING DATE
Midday 9th April 2008

JOB TITLE:
Tutors
LOCATION:
Kent
SALARY:
£14,751 - £23,331 pro rata
COMPANY:
Kent County Council
TO APPLY:
Kent County Council
Tel: 0845 8247 904
Email recruitment.line@kent.gov.uk
CLOSING DATE
Midday 9th April 2008

ENGINEERING, MANUFACTURING, UTILITIES

JOB TITLE:
Assembly
LOCATION:
Broadstairs
SALARY:
TBC
COMPANY:
Instro Precision Ltd
TO APPLY:
The Personnel Manager
Instro Precision Ltd
Tel: 01843 604455
Email kos@instro.com

JOB TITLE:
Electronics Biased Engineer
LOCATION:
Ashford
SALARY:
TBA
COMPANY:
Colsan Instrument Services
Required by small engineering company in Woodchurch. Would suit someone with an interest in electronics as a hobby. Part-time or full-time position.
TO APPLY:
Colsan Instrument Services
Tel: 01233 860760
Email enquiries@colsan.com

HR, RECRUITMENT

JOB TITLE:
Director of Human Resources
LOCATION:
Herne Bay
SALARY:
Circa £35,000
COMPANY:
Strode Park Foundation
TO APPLY:
Belinda
Strode Park Foundation
Tel: 01227 373292
Email belinda.farlam@strodepark.org.uk
CLOSING DATE
Tuesday 8 April 2008

INDUSTRIAL, WAREHOUSE, FACTORY

JOB TITLE:
Inspection
LOCATION:
Broadstairs
SALARY:
TBC
COMPANY:
Instro Precision Ltd
A vacancy exists for someone to join our busy inspection team checking piece parts, goods inwards receipts and finished assemblies. The ideal candidate will have relevant experience and a good understanding of inspection equipment within an engineering

environment. Interested applicants should request an application form and further details from: Instro Precision Limited, 15 Hornet Close, Pysons Rd Industrial Estate, Broadstairs, Kent, CT10 2YD.
TO APPLY:
The Personnel Manager
Instro Precision Ltd
Tel: 01843 604455
Email kos@instro.com

JOB TITLE:
Production Operative Vacancies
LOCATION:
Dover
SALARY:
TBC
COMPANY:
Tilmanstone Salads
TO APPLY:
Gemma Bailey
Tilmanstone Salads
Tel: 01304 833081
Email applications@jobsforkent.co.uk

JOB TITLE:
Stores Assistant
LOCATION:
Broadstairs
SALARY:
TBC
COMPANY:
Instro Precision Ltd
TO APPLY:
The Personnel Manager
Instro Precision Ltd
Tel: 01843 604455
Email kos@instro.com

JOB TITLE:
Warehouse Assistants
LOCATION:
Aylesford
SALARY:
£260 - £372 per week + shift allowance + benefits
TO APPLY:
Waitrose
Tel: 01344 825758.
Email applications@jobsforkent.co.uk
CLOSING DATE
5th April 2008

JOB TITLE:
Warehouse Operatives
LOCATION:
Ashford
SALARY:
TBA
COMPANY:
Dawsons News
TO APPLY:
Sam Keeble
Dawsons News
Tel: 01634 662400
Email hr-croydon@dawsonson.co.uk

INFORMATION TECH, INTERNET, TELECOMS

JOB TITLE:
Web Content Technician
LOCATION:
Chatham
SALARY:
Competitive Salary
COMPANY:
Zest
TO APPLY:
Zest
Email alan.young@thinkzest.com

LEISURE, TOURISM, TRAVEL

JOB TITLE:
Maintenance/Track Foreperson
LOCATION:
Dartford
SALARY:
TBC
COMPANY:
Crayford Greyhound Track
Our Track Manager is looking for a deputy to lead the track maintenance team. Duties will include the preparation of the racing surface and you will also deputise for the Track Manager in his absence. Electrical and mechanical knowledge is essential as is a full driving licence and proven supervisory skills. Salary dependant on experience.
TO APPLY:
Crayford Greyhound Track
Tel: 01322 557836
Email applications@jobsforkent.co.uk
CLOSING DATE
31 Mar 08

JOB TITLE:
Part Time Golf Marshal required
LOCATION:
Swanley
SALARY:
Rates of pay £6.00 per hour.



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Pedham Place Golf Centre
TO APPLY:
Jon Woodroffe
Pedham Place Golf Centre
Tel: 01322 867000
Email jon@ppgc.co.uk

JOB TITLE:
Party Planners
LOCATION:
Kent
SALARY:
TBA
COMPANY:
Body Shop at Home (Whitstable)
Party planners wanted in your area
No experience necessary - full training Flexible part time - Immediate start Fantastic earning opportunities.
TO APPLY:
Lisa
Body Shop at Home (Whitstable)
Tel: 01227 779472/0713551086
Email lisacraigpartywithpassion@btinternet.com

JOB TITLE:
Track Assistant
LOCATION:
Dartford
SALARY:
Circa £12K pa
COMPANY:
Crayford Greyhound Track
To work as part of a small team who maintain both the racing track and stadium facilities. You will be fully involved in the staging of race meetings as well as learning a variety of new skills. A full driving licence is essential.
TO APPLY:
Crayford Greyhound Track
Tel: 01322 557836
Email applications@jobsforkent.co.uk
CLOSING DATE
31 Mar 08

MANAGEMENT, SENIOR POSITIONS

JOB TITLE:
Account Managers
LOCATION:
Chatham
SALARY:
Competitive
COMPANY:
Zest
TO APPLY:
Zest
Email alan.young@thinkzest.com

JOB TITLE:
Centre Managers
LOCATION:
Kent
SALARY:
Starting salary £29,190
COMPANY:
Kent County Council
TO APPLY:
Kent County Council
Tel: 0845 8247 904
Email recruitment.line@kent.gov.uk
CLOSING DATE
Monday 9th April 2008

JOB TITLE:
Corporate Procurement Manager
LOCATION:
Maidstone
SALARY:
£25,521 to £39,712 per annum
COMPANY:
Kent County Council
£25,521 to £39,712 per annum
Salary dependent on experience and progression through the Career Grade is based on the fulfillment of required competencies. The Strategic Procurement Unit within the Chief Executive's Department is a small team which is responsible for providing procurement advice to service managers within KCC. We work in different ways with all parts of KCC and you will apply your procurement expertise to help the service managers achieve their objectives. We also ensure that KCC managers follow KCC and other regulations on how procurements should be undertaken. We are looking for some experience of procurement, preferably within the public sector, an enquiring mind and good written and oral communication skills. We will support studying for a professional qualification and put a learning emphasis on supporting personal development. To apply visit www.kent.gov.uk/jobs Alternatively, please email recruitment.line@kent.gov.uk or call 0845 8247 904. Please quote the appropriate reference number.
TO APPLY:
Kent County Council
Tel: 0845 8247 904
Email recruitment.line@kent.gov.uk
CLOSING DATE
Midday, 8th April 2008

JOB TITLE:
Holiday Park Management Opportunity
LOCATION:
Ramsgate
SALARY:
TBA
COMPANY:
Saunders Park Homes Ltd.
Excellent opportunity for enthusiastic individual to develop skills with a view to sales and park management on a busy, award winning holiday caravan park. IT skills and weekend work essential.
TO APPLY:
Saunders Park Homes Ltd.
Email foxhunting@aol.com

JOB TITLE:
Production Manager
LOCATION:
Romney Marsh
SALARY:
TBA
COMPANY:
Clifton Recycling
TO APPLY:
Alan Clifton-Holt
Clifton Recycling
Email alan@acilifton.ltd.uk

JOB TITLE:
Project Manager - Website
LOCATION:
Chatham
SALARY:
Competitive Salary
COMPANY:
Zest
Juicy Opportunities - Zest is an ad agency that is winning new business, industry awards, and admirers. Our people do things with passion, creativity, energy, and all round...zestiness. Problem is, with more and more great clients coming on board, we're going from a busy ad agency to a reeeeeaaaaaally busy ad agency and we're finding that there's just not enough zest to go round. We need your brand of zest. We need an experienced Project Manager to oversee a client's suite of websites. You will act as liaison between the client, client service, and the web design team - receiving instructions, allocating work, and checking that all required updates and changes happen within defined time frames. You need the ability to gain the confidence of all parties, to be ordered and stay on top of all tasks irrespective of complexity, and you need experience in project management. Benefits include contributory pension and private health schemes, free parking and a 4:30pm finish every Friday - a great way to start your weekend.
TO APPLY:
Zest
Email alan.young@thinkzest.com

MARKETING, ADVERTISING

JOB TITLE:
Box Office Supervisor
LOCATION:
Margate
SALARY:
£16,000 - £18,000
COMPANY:
Theatre Royal
The dynamic Theatre Royal Margate is seeking a well-organised, friendly person with excellent interpersonal skills and box office experience, to join its core team. We need a Box Office Supervisor to deliver an excellent service to our audiences and provide marketing/front of house support. This is a varied and challenging full-time position, inc. some evenings and weekend work.
TO APPLY:
Will Wollen
Theatre Royal
Tel: 01843 293397
Email admin@theatroyalmargate.co.uk
CLOSING DATE
13th April

MOTOR TRADE, DRIVER

JOB TITLE:
C1/7.5t Drivers
LOCATION:
Kent
SALARY:
TBA
COMPANY:
Staffing Made Simple
HAB & Digi tachio holders always welcome. Permanent employment contracts / reclaimable expenses. www.staffingmadesimple.co.uk.
TO APPLY:
Staffing Made Simple
Tel: 01622 791199
Email applications@jobsforkent.co.uk
JOB TITLE:
Demonstration Drive Host

LOCATION:
Tonbridge
SALARY:
TBA
COMPANY:
Porsche Centre Tonbridge
TO APPLY:
Louise Mitchell
Porsche Centre Tonbridge
porschetonbridge.co.uk
CLOSING DATE
31st March 2008

JOB TITLE:
Full and Part Time Taxi Drivers
LOCATION:
Sittingbourne
SALARY:
TBA
COMPANY:
A2 Cabs Ltd
TO APPLY:
Elaine
A2 Cabs Ltd
Tel: 01795 431500
Email applications@jobsforkent.co.uk

JOB TITLE:
LGV 1
LOCATION:
Kent
SALARY:
TBA
COMPANY:
Mainstream Staff Supplies
As much or as little as you want, Fri to Mon, Day or Night - Regular. Supermarket & Gen Haulage - MID KENT - Whatever your fancy, Call Now, Weekly Pay & Holiday Pay.
TO APPLY:
Mainstream Staff Supplies
Tel: 01795 418100
Email applications@jobsforkent.co.uk

JOB TITLE:
LGV 1 Drivers
LOCATION:
Kent
SALARY:
TBA
COMPANY:
Staffing Made Simple
Days / nights / weekends - Permanent employment contracts / reclaimable expenses. www.staffingmadesimple.co.uk.
TO APPLY:
Staffing Made Simple
Tel: 01622 791199
Email applications@jobsforkent.co.uk

JOB TITLE:
LGV 2 Drivers
LOCATION:
Kent
SALARY:
TBA
COMPANY:
Staffing Made Simple
Weekdays / Saturdays - Permanent employment contracts / reclaimable expenses. www.staffingmadesimple.co.uk.
TO APPLY:
Staffing Made Simple
Tel: 01622 791199
Email applications@jobsforkent.co.uk

JOB TITLE:
LGV1 Drivers
LOCATION:
Aylesford
SALARY:
£360 - £464 per week + shift allowance + benefits
COMPANY:
Waitrose
TO APPLY:
Waitrose
Tel: 01344 825758
Email applications@jobsforkent.co.uk
CLOSING DATE
5th April 2008

JOB TITLE:
Transport Operators
LOCATION:
Aylesford
SALARY:
TBA
COMPANY:
Waitrose
TO APPLY:
Waitrose
Tel: 01344 825758
Email applications@jobsforkent.co.uk
CLOSING DATE
5th April 2008

JOB TITLE:
Vehicle Technician
LOCATION:
Kent
SALARY:
TBC
COMPANY:
Saunders Abbott
We are looking for a qualified vehicle technician or a Master Technician to work in our busy workshop. You will need to be comfortable using the latest diagnostic equipment and ideally come from a VW Group background. You'll need to work in a team as well as under your own

initiative. Training to master technician standard will be given. A good salary and benefits will be offered to the right candidate. Please send your CV, by email or telephone for more details.
TO APPLY:
Saunders Abbott
Tel: 020 8300 2450
Email claire.miller@saundersabbott.co.uk

JOB TITLE:
Vehicle Technicians
LOCATION:
Aylesford
SALARY:
£402 - £484 per week+ shift allowance + benefits
COMPANY:
Waitrose
37.5 hours per week over five days, Alternating two-week rota (6am - 2pm/2pm - 10pm): £80.30 per week shift allowance, Night shift (10pm - 6am): £133.98 per week shift allowance. You'll carry out servicing, MOTs and repairs to ensure our fleet is maintained to a safe and roadworthy standard in line with VOSA, as well as dealing with all the related paperwork. You should be an experienced mechanic with City and Guilds 1, 2, 3 Vehicle Technician or equivalent, CITB/City and Guilds Refrigeration/Gas Handling, IRTEC and an LGV C+E driving licence. Good communication skills are also important. For an application pack, please visit our website www.waitrose.co.uk/jobs.
TO APPLY:
Waitrose
Tel: 01344 825758
Email applications@jobsforkent.co.uk
CLOSING DATE
5th April 2008

NOT FOR PROFIT, CHARITIES

JOB TITLE:
Young Volunteer Refugee and Asylum Seeker Project Worker
LOCATION:
Dartford
SALARY:
£20,000 (Full Time - 37 hours - 2 year contract)
Post based at Dartford
COMPANY:
VSU Youth in Action
Experienced youth worker able to develop and run successful young volunteer projects based on sport, the environment, campaigning and citizenship directly involving young refugees and asylum seekers. The projects will be community based and include statutory and third sector partners. The ability to network with refugee support agencies, sports establishments, community support groups and statutory youth support agencies will feature greatly in this role. Some experience of working with these vulnerable young people (mainly young males) will be an advantage but all round skills as a youth work are vital. A proven self-starter with own car and the ability to work alone are major attributes. Training and support available plus the opportunity to work with an experienced team of youth workers. For further information of the involved project please visit www.vinspired.com.
TO APPLY:
VSU Youth in Action
Tel: 01732 469549
Email tracy@vinspired.com
CLOSING DATE
Monday 31st March

JOB TITLE:
Youth Volunteer Development Advisor
LOCATION:
Kent
SALARY:
Salary from £22,000 (full time - 37 hours a week - 3 year contract) Post based at Maidstone, covering northwest Kent & Medway towns
COMPANY:
VSU Youth in Action
VSU Youth in Action is the leading youth action agency in Kent and has over 45 years experience of delivering volunteering opportunities with young people. VSU has been recently invited by V to extend its Youth Volunteer Development programme. This innovative work will be delivered by the involved team and will focus on successful partnership working with a range of agencies - encouraging and supporting them to develop their work with young volunteers. You will be creating new, high quality, volunteering opportunities through partnerships with other organisations in the private, public and third sector. You will focus on recruiting young people from under represented groups into youth volunteering, tailoring opportunities to meet their needs and interests

JOB TITLE:
Community Carers
LOCATION:
Kent
SALARY:
TBC
COMPANY:
MH Community Care
Due to continued growth we are currently looking to recruit new COMMUNITY CARERS in the following areas: Folkestone • Hythe • Cheriton • Dover • Deal
MH Community Care provides care for client's in their homes allowing them to maintain dignity and independence. We offer full paid training to all successful applicants. We are looking for staff to work a variety of hours Monday - Friday and every other weekend. MH Community Care offers staff a comprehensive package, including paid training, an employer contributory pension scheme and competitive rates of pay. All uniform and equipment are also provided and the cost of the obligatory enhanced CRB check is covered by the company. For an application please contact us.
TO APPLY:
Jane
MH Community Care
Tel: 01304214600
Email applications@jobsforkent.co.uk

JOB TITLE:
Face to Face Nurses
LOCATION:
Ashford
SALARY:
TBA

The post requires a motivated self-starter who has at least 2 years experience of youth work and/or managing volunteers. The ability to work positively with a range of partners and demonstrate excellent networking skills is essential. Own car essential, possession of a minibus MIDAS certificate an advantage. The successful applicant will be CRB checked. For further information of the involved project please visit www.vinspired.com
TO APPLY:
VSU Youth in Action
Tel: 01732 469549
Email tracy@vinspired.com
CLOSING DATE
Monday 31st March

NURSING, MEDICINE, CARE WORK

JOB TITLE:
Area Training Consultant
LOCATION:
Kent
SALARY:
Competitive salary + excellent benefits package
COMPANY:
Saga
If you could help us to provide high-quality care for older people in their own homes, then join the Saga Independent Living team. As well as designing and delivering best practice training solutions and materials, you'll develop new initiatives to keep our teams at the forefront of the care industry. Solid training experience is essential, coupled with a good working knowledge of the health and social care arena. In return, you can look forward to an excellent benefits package including a great salary, pension scheme and discounts on Saga Insurance products. So, if you could help us provide the best possible care for older people, please e-mail your CV to human.resources@saga.co.uk or post to Jo Forbes, HR Officer, Saga Group Limited, The Saga Building, Exbrook Park, Folkestone, Kent CT20 3SE.
TO APPLY:
Saga
Email human.resources@saga.co.uk
CLOSING DATE
4 April 2008

JOB TITLE:
Care Workers
LOCATION:
Sheerness
SALARY:
TBC
COMPANY:
Neptune House Ltd
Residential home for adults with learning disabilities in Sheerness. Kent requires experienced full/part time carers will include some sleep-in duties and night shifts. NVQ Level 2 preferred but not essential. Excellent working conditions, training, opportunities and competitive pay.
TO APPLY:
Sue or Rachel
Neptune House Ltd
Tel: (01795) 581660
Email applications@jobsforkent.co.uk

JOB TITLE:
Community Carers
LOCATION:
Kent
SALARY:
TBC
COMPANY:
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TO APPLY:
Jane
MH Community Care
Tel: 01304214600
Email applications@jobsforkent.co.uk

JOB TITLE:
Registered Nurses
LOCATION:
Kent
SALARY:
TBA
COMPANY:
Bayada Nurses Ltd
Bayada Nurses is a Nursing and Domiciliary Care Agency who specialize in home care services. This involves short visits to people in their own homes, suitable candidates must be able to drive and have transport. We also supply staff to both nursing/care homes and hospitals. Non drivers may be considered for these assignments. We support our care staff to achieve NVQ qualifications. If you are over 18 and feel you could make a difference and are committed to a career in care then we would like to hear from you. For further details and to arrange an interview please call Julie Epsley Free on 0800 084 2200 (9.00am - 10.00pm) Email: info@bayada.co.uk www.bayada.co.uk. These positions are subject to an Enhanced CRB Disclosure
TO APPLY:
Julie Epsley
Bayada Nurses Ltd
Tel: 0800 084 2200
Email info@bayada.co.uk

JOB TITLE:
Health Care Assistants
LOCATION:
Kent
SALARY:
TBA
COMPANY:
Bayada Nurses Ltd
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TO APPLY:
Julie Epsley
Bayada Nurses Ltd
Tel: 0800 084 2200
Email info@bayada.co.uk

COMPANY:
South East Health Clinical Care Ltd
TO APPLY:
Michelle Thomas
South East Health Clinical Care Ltd
Tel: 0845 434 9655
Email michelle.thomas@sehp.nhs.uk

JOB TITLE:
Health Care Assistants
LOCATION:
Kent
SALARY:
TBA
COMPANY:
Bayada Nurses Ltd
Bayada Nurses is a Nursing and Domiciliary Care Agency who specialize in home care services. This involves short visits to people in their own homes, suitable candidates must be able to drive and have transport. We also supply staff to both nursing/care homes and hospitals. Non drivers may be considered for these assignments. We support our care staff to achieve NVQ qualifications. If you are over 18 and feel you could make a difference and are committed to a career in care then we would like to hear from you. For further details and to arrange an interview please call Julie Epsley Free on 0800 084 2200 (9.00am - 10.00pm) Email: info@bayada.co.uk www.bayada.co.uk. These positions are subject to an Enhanced CRB Disclosure
TO APPLY:
Julie Epsley
Bayada Nurses Ltd
Tel: 0800 084 2200
Email info@bayada.co.uk

JOB TITLE:
Night RSW
LOCATION:
Sevenoaks
SALARY:
TBC
COMPANY:
Rockdale House
NIGHT RSW needed for Residential Care Home for Older People in Sevenoaks town centre up to 5 nights over 4 wk rota extras sometimes available 11.5 hours per night (8.15pm-7.45am) £91.95 pn basic rate (£118.53 pn (enhanced rate)). You should • have previous experience of night care work • be able to take joint responsibility, with 1 other, for the home during the night • have experience with medication rounds. We can offer • 6 wks paid leave (pro rata) • training • company sick pay after 6 mths. • pension scheme • parking on site • health cash back plan Please ring or Email for further details. This post will be subject to an Enhanced CRB Disclosure.
TO APPLY:
Jay Drake
Rockdale House
Tel: 01732 458762
Email enquiries@rockdale.org.uk

JOB TITLE:
Night Wake Care Assistant
LOCATION:
Whitstable
SALARY:
TBA
COMPANY:
St Georges Residential Homes
(2 Nights available - Tues, Wed) Required for St Georges Care Home in Whitstable.
TO APPLY:
St Georges Residential Homes
Tel: 01227 261837
Email applications@jobsforkent.co.uk

JOB TITLE:
Registered Nurses
LOCATION:
Kent
SALARY:
TBA
COMPANY:
Bayada Nurses Ltd
Bayada Nurses is a Nursing and Domiciliary Care Agency who specialize in home care services. This involves short visits to people in their own homes, suitable candidates must be able to drive and have transport. We also supply staff to both nursing/care homes and hospitals. Non drivers may be considered for these assignments. We support our care staff to achieve NVQ qualifications. If you are over 18 and feel you could make a difference and are committed to a career in care then we would like to hear from you. For further details and to arrange an interview please call Julie Epsley Free on 0800 084 2200 (9.00am - 10.00pm) Email: info@bayada.co.uk www.bayada.co.uk. These positions are subject to an Enhanced CRB Disclosure
TO APPLY:
Julie Epsley
Bayada Nurses Ltd
Tel: 0800 084 2200
Email info@bayada.co.uk

JOB TITLE:
Support Workers
LOCATION:
Kent
SALARY:
TBA
COMPANY:
Bayada Nurses Ltd
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TO APPLY:
Julie Epsley
Bayada Nurses Ltd
Tel: 0800 084 2200
Email info@bayada.co.uk

JOB TITLE:
Senior Care Staff, Healthcare Assistants and Kitchen Staff
LOCATION:
Maidstone
SALARY:
TBA
COMPANY:
Hillbeck Residential Home
TO APPLY:
Mr ID Chandler
Hillbeck Residential Home
Tel: 01622 737847
Email ian@charinghealthcare.co.uk

JOB TITLE:
Support Workers
LOCATION:
Kent
SALARY:
TBA
COMPANY:
Bayada Nurses Ltd
TO APPLY:
Julie Epsley
Bayada Nurses Ltd
Tel: 0800 084 2200
Email info@bayada.co.uk

OTHER

JOB TITLE:
Home From Canterbury
SALARY:
Expenses Paid
COMPANY:
British Red Cross
Mrs. Brooks is 84 years old and soon going home from hospital. She feels anxious about how she will manage her shopping and would like someone to visit to give her general support and practical help. Could you spare a few hours a week to help Mrs Brooks and others like her to regain her confidence and provide some social contact?
TO APPLY:
Robyn Dye
British Red Cross
Tel: 01227 763099
(Answerphone out of hours)
Email info@jobsforkent.co.uk

PRINT, PACKAGING, DISTRIBUTION

JOB TITLE:
Printer
LOCATION:
Sevenoaks
SALARY:
£17,071 p.a. - £21,947 p.a. rising to £23,380 p.a. with exceptional performance (pay award pending)
COMPANY:
Sevenoaks District Council
The Sevenoaks District Council Print Room is looking for an experienced printer to join our extremely busy and versatile print service. You will be involved in every aspect of the printing service to ensure that it delivers high quality printing within agreed timescales and to the satisfaction of our external and internal customers. As a member of the team you will be involved in designing, printing and finishing work under tight deadlines to meet our customers' high expectations. You will be also expected to liaise with customers, contractors and suppliers on a regular basis. The role requires you to use your knowledge of digital print machines and a variety of ancillary finishing equipment. You will have a good working knowledge of using design applications and general computer work. In the role you will be expected to use your print knowledge to contribute to increase the print services offered and revenue possibilities to ensure that the service not only provides an excellent, cost effective, internal print service but generates income as an industry competitive alternative for external clients. As the printer you will work closely with and report to the Senior Printer and the IT and FM Customer Services Manager in the Corporate Resources directorate. Starting salary will be dependent upon skills and experience. For an informal discussion about this post, please contact John Cow, IT Customer Support Manager on 01732 227485. Our staff benefits package includes, a final salary contributory pension scheme, flexible annual leave and working arrangements, free membership of Sencio's Leisure Centres in the District, a childcare vouchers scheme, free car parking at place of work and excellent training and development opportunities.
TO APPLY:
Sevenoaks District Council
Tel: 01732 227102
Email recruitment@sevenoaks.gov.uk
CLOSING DATE
Friday 4th April 2008

Highways – District of Canterbury**THE KENT COUNTY COUNCIL
(VARIOUS ROADS CANTERBURY) (PROHIBITION OF
DRIVING) TEMPORARY ORDER 2008 THE ROAD TRAFFIC
REGULATION ACT 1984 AS AMENDED BY THE ROAD
TRAFFIC (TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991**

Notice is hereby given that because new sewer overflow pipe works are proposed to be carried out, the Kent County Council has made an Order prohibiting traffic on Various Roads Canterbury, from as described in column 1 of schedule to this order on 5 April 2008 for an estimated period of 3 weeks or until such works are complete.

The alternative route for each road described in column 1 of the schedule to this order is described in column 3 of that schedule.

Specified Road	length of road affected	alternative routes	Programmed date
Phase 1			
Fordwich Road, Fordwich.	Closed in a northerly direction only between its junction with Water Lane and Mill Road.	Water Lane, Mill Road, Sturry Road and Vauxhall Road roundabout.	6 April 2008 for up to 2 weeks.
Phase 2			
Fordwich Road, Fordwich.	Closed in both directions between its junction with Water Lane and Mill Road.	Water Lane, Mill Road, Sturry Road and Vauxhall Road roundabout.	6 April 2008 for up to 2 weeks. (Only if required).
Phase 3			
Fordwich Road, Fordwich	Closed in both directions between its junction with Water Lane and the northern boundary of 4 Fordwich Road.	Mill Road, Sturry Road, Tourtel Road, Military Road, Broad Street, Lower Chantry Lane, Longport, St Martins Hill, Littlebourne Road, Stodmarsh Road, Moat Lane, High Street and King Street. Note: HGV access to Fordwich Road will be subject to alternative conditions.	19 April 2008 for up to 2 weeks.

This Order will come into force on Sunday 6 April 2008, and will be in operation when the appropriate signs are erected, and will remain valid for a maximum period of eighteen months or until the works are completed, whichever is the sooner.

Highways – Borough of Maidstone**THE KENT COUNTY COUNCIL
(PILGRIMS WAY, DETLING) (PROHIBITION OF TRAFFIC)
TEMPORARY ORDER 2008 THE ROAD TRAFFIC
REGULATION ACT 1984 AS AMENDED BY THE ROAD
TRAFFIC (TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991**

NOTICE is hereby given that because works are proposed to be carried out on or near a road the Kent County Council has made an Order prohibiting the use by through traffic on Pilgrims Way, Detling, outside The Croft between the times of 0930hrs and 1530hrs on or after Monday 31st March 2008 when required for a period of up to 5 days or until such works are completed.

The alternative route for the route described above is for westbound traffic via Thurnham Lane, Ware Street, Hockers Lane, The Street and for eastbound traffic vice versa.

BT Openreach apologise for any inconvenience caused by these essential works, which are necessary to restore customer service in the area. Should you require any further information about these works, their contact is Tracy Zeal of A Plant Lux Traffic Control on 01666 822000.

Highways – District of Sevenoaks**KENT COUNTY COUNCIL
GRIPFIBRE WORKS, SEVENOAKS (TEMPORARY
PROHIBITION OF TRAFFIC) TEMPORARY ORDER 2008 THE
ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984 AS AMENDED BY
ROAD TRAFFIC (TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991**

Notice is hereby given that owing to the likelihood of danger to the public whilst works are carried out on or near the highway the Kent County Council has made an Order prohibiting through traffic on various roads as noted in Schedule 1.

The Order will become effective on 31st March 2008, for various lengths of time as noted in the attached schedule. These restrictions will be effective when the appropriate signage is in place.

The alternative routes for the routes described will be as described in the attached schedule.

The purpose of the closures and restrictions is to facilitate

Carriageway reconditioning works for Kent Highway Services.

For further information please contact Kent Highway Services on 08458 247 800.

Schedule 1

Road Name	Location	Duration	Alternative Route
Highfields Road, Edenbridge	Whole Length	10 days	Hill Crest Road, B2026 Main Road and Swan Lane
Ashgrove Road, Sevenoaks	Whole Length	10 days	Oak Road, Windmill Road and Weald Road
Brattle Wood, Sevenoaks	Whole Length	10 days	Beechmont Road, Weald Road and Garth Road
White Hart Road, Sevenoaks	Whole Length	10 days	The Ride, Garth Road, Weald Road, Beechmont Road and Letter Box Lane

Highways – District of Shepway**THE KENT COUNTY COUNCIL
(CANTERBURY ROAD, HAWKINGE) (PROHIBITION OF
DRIVING) TEMPORARY ORDER 2008 THE ROAD TRAFFIC
REGULATION ACT 1984 AS AMENDED BY THE ROAD
TRAFFIC (TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991**

NOTICE is hereby given that because works are proposed to be carried out on or near a road the Kent County Council intends to make an Order prohibiting the use by traffic on Canterbury Road, Hawkinge between its junction with The Street and its junction with Spitfire Way on or after 14 April 2008 for an estimated period of 3 weeks or until such safety improvement works are complete, at such times and to such extent as shall be indicated by traffic signs.

The alternative route will be via Canterbury Road, Aerodrome Road and Spitfire Way.

Highways – District of Thanet**THE KENT COUNTY COUNCIL
(VARIOUS ROADS RAMSGATE) (PROHIBITION OF
DRIVING) TEMPORARY ORDER 2008 THE ROAD TRAFFIC
REGULATION ACT 1984 AS AMENDED BY THE ROAD
TRAFFIC (TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991**

Notice is hereby given that because drainage connection works are proposed to be carried out, the Kent County Council has made an Order prohibiting traffic on Various Roads Ramsgate, as described in column 1 of the schedule to this order on or after 31 March 2008 for an estimated period of 2 weeks or until such works are complete.

The alternative route for each road described in column 1 of the schedule to this order is described in column 3 of that schedule.

Specified Road	length of road affected	alternative routes
School Lane	From its junction with Broad Street to its junction with Hardres Street.	Boundary Road, Chatham Street, High Street and Hardres Street.
Belmont Street	From its junction with Hardres Street to its junction with School Lane.	Boundary Road, Chatham Street, High Street and Hardres Street.

**THE KENT COUNTY COUNCIL
(VARIOUS ROADS, DISTRICT OF THANET) (PROHIBITION
OF DRIVING) (No. 3) TEMPORARY ORDER 2008 THE ROAD
TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984 AS AMENDED BY THE
ROAD TRAFFIC (TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991**

NOTICE is hereby given that because works are proposed to be carried out on or near a road the Kent County Council has made an Order prohibiting the use by traffic on the routes described in Column 1 of the Schedule 1 hereto. The alternative route for each route described in Column 1 is described in Column 2 of that Schedule on or after 31 March 2008 for an estimated period of 16 weeks or until the junction improvement and replacement of traffic signal works on A254 Ramsgate Road/College Road, Margate junction are complete, at such times and to such extent as shall be indicated by traffic signs.

The "The Kent County Council (Various Roads, Thanet) (Traffic Regulation) Order 2002" in respect of the lengths of road described in the Schedule 2 hereto will be temporarily suspended at such times as the traffic signs erected to indicate the effect of the Order on this road are covered or removed.

Schedule 1

(Prohibition of Driving)	
Column 1 The affected route	Column 2 The alternative route
Ulster Road, Margate For a distance of 30m from its junction with A254 Ramsgate Road	A254 Ramsgate Road, Connaught Road and B2052 College Road
Salmestone Road, Margate For a distance of 30m from its junction with A254 Ramsgate Road.	A254 Ramsgate Road, Nash Court Road and Nash Court Gardens
Yockley Square, Margate For a distance of 30m from its junction with College Road.	B2052 College Road, A254 Ramsgate Road and Perkins Avenue
B2052 College Road, Margate (East of A254 Ramsgate Road) Between A254 Ramsgate Road and Ulster Road. For an approximate distance of 100m	Eastbound: A254 Ramsgate Road, Connaught Road and B2052 College Road Westbound: Ulster Road and A254 Ramsgate Road
B2052 College Road, Margate (West of A254 Ramsgate Road) Between A254 Ramsgate Road and Nash Court Gardens. For an approximate distance of 140m	B2052 College Road, A255 St Peters Road, Ramsgate Road, A254 Queens Avenue, Eaton Road, Belgrave Road, A28 Marine Gardens, A28 Marine Terrace, A28 Canterbury Road, George V Avenue and Hartsdown Road
Beatrice Road, Margate Between A254 Ramsgate Road and Helena Avenue. For an approximate distance of 140m	Tivoli Road, A255 Grosvenor Gardens, A255 High Street, A255 St Peters Road, B2052 College Road
Helena Avenue, Margate At its junction with Beatrice Road	Access from Tivoli Road end only

Schedule 2

(Suspension of One-Way Street)	
Length of road	Direction to proceed (to be suspended)
Beatrice Road, Margate Between Tivoli Road and A254 Ramsgate Road	West to east
College Road, Margate (West of A254 Ramsgate Road) Between Tivoli Road/ Hartsdown Road Junction and A254 Ramsgate Road	North-east to south-west
Nash Court Gardens, Margate Between College Road and Salmestone Road	North-east to south-west and North-west to south-east

Highways – Borough of Tonbridge and Malling**THE KENT COUNTY COUNCIL
(VARIOUS ROADS, TONBRIDGE and MALLING)
(WAITING RESTRICTIONS AND ON-STREET PARKING
PLACES) (CONSOLIDATION) ORDER, 2008**

The Council of the County of Kent in exercise of their powers under sections 1(1), 2(1) to (3), 3(2), 4(1) and (2), 32(1), 35(1), 45, 46, 49 and 53 of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984, and of all other enabling powers, and after consultation with the chief officer of police in accordance with Part III of Schedule 9 to the Act:

The effect of the Order is to consolidate into one document the provisions of the following Orders:-

- The Kent County Council (Various Roads, Tonbridge and Malling) (Waiting Restrictions and On-street Parking Places) Order, 2007; (b) The Kent County Council (Various Roads, Tonbridge and Malling) (Waiting Restrictions and On-street Parking Places) (Amendment No. 1) Order, 2007; (c) The Kent County Council (Bellingham Way, Ditton) (Prohibition and Restriction of Waiting) Order, 2007; (d) The Kent County Council (Station Road north, Lucks Hill, West Malling) (Prohibition and Restriction of Waiting) Order, 2007; (e) The Kent County Council (Various Roads, Tonbridge and Malling) (Waiting Restrictions and On-street Parking Places) (Amendment No. 2) Order, 2008 and (f) that much of The Kent County Council (Clare Lane, East Malling) (Waiting Restrictions) Order 2007 which concerns 'no waiting' restrictions in Clare Lane, East Malling and
- Take account of the Part 6 of the Traffic Management Act 2004

The Order was made on 21st March, 2008, and will come into effect on 31st March, 2008.

Copies of the made Order together with maps, a copy of any Orders amended by the made Order, and a statement of the Councils reasons for proposing to make the Order may be inspected during normal office hours at the offices of Tonbridge and Malling Council Offices, Kings Hill, West Malling.

Any person wishing to question the validity of an Order of any of its provisions on the ground that it is not within the powers of the relevant enabling Act or that a requirement of any such enabling Act or of any relevant

regulations made thereunder has not been complied with may, within 6 weeks from the date on which the Order was made, make application for the purpose to the High Court.

If you have any questions concerning the made Orders or require further information please contact 01732 876222 during normal office hours.

This Notice is published on behalf of Geoff Harrison-Mee, Director of Kent Highway Services, Environment and Regeneration, County Hall, Maidstone, ME14 2XQ. Kent Highway Services is part of Kent County Council.

**KENT COUNTY COUNCIL
GRIPFIBRE WORKS, TONBRIDGE & MALLING
(TEMPORARY PROHIBITION OF TRAFFIC) TEMPORARY
ORDER 2008 THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984
AS AMENDED BY ROAD TRAFFIC (TEMPORARY
RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991**

Notice is hereby given that owing to the likelihood of danger to the public whilst works are carried out on or near the highway the Kent County Council has made an Order prohibiting through traffic on various roads as noted in Schedule 1.

The Order will become effective on 31st March 2008, for various lengths of time as noted in the attached schedule. These restrictions will be effective when the appropriate signage is in place.

The alternative routes for the routes described will be as described in the attached schedule.

The purpose of the closures and restrictions is to facilitate Carriageway reconditioning works for Kent Highway Services.

For further information please contact Kent Highway Services on 08458 247 800.

Schedule 1

Road Name	Location	Duration	Alternative Route
Smithers Close, Hadlow	Whole Length	5 days	Cul-de-Sac location No Diversion
Barden Park Road, Tonbridge	Whole Length	10 days	Barden Road and Nelson Avenue
Cheviot, Tonbridge	Whole Length	5 days	Cul-de-Sac location No Diversion
Medway Wharf Road, Tonbridge	Sovereign Way to End	5 days	Cul-de-Sac location No Diversion
Ridgeway Crescent, Tonbridge	Whole Length	10 days	Cul-de-Sac location No Diversion
Waterloo Place, Tonbridge	Whole Length	5 days	Cul-de-Sac location No Diversion/

Highways – Borough of Tunbridge Wells**THE KENT COUNTY COUNCIL
(STONE STREET, CRANBROOK) (PROHIBITION OF
TRAFFIC) TEMPORARY ORDER 2008 THE ROAD TRAFFIC
REGULATION ACT 1984 AS AMENDED BY THE ROAD
TRAFFIC (TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991**

NOTICE is hereby given that because works are proposed to be carried out on or near a road, the Kent County Council intends to make an Order prohibiting the use by through traffic on Stone Street, Cranbrook outside the property number 21 on or after Monday 14th March 2008 for an estimated period of up to 5 days or until such works are completed.

The alternative route for the route described above is for westbound traffic via Waterloo Road, Angley Road, High Street and for eastbound traffic vice versa.

Southern Gas Networks apologise for any inconvenience caused, which are necessary for a new supply installation. Should you require any further information regarding these works, their contact is Tony Hayes on 01233 644443.

**THE KENT COUNTY COUNCIL
(VARIOUS ROADS IN THE BOROUGH OF TUNBRIDGE
WELLS) (PROHIBITION OF TRAFFIC AND WAITING)
TEMPORARY ORDER 2008 THE ROAD TRAFFIC
REGULATION ACT 1984 AS AMENDED BY THE ROAD
TRAFFIC (TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991**

NOTICE is hereby given that because works are proposed to be carried out on or near a road the Kent County Council intends to make an Order prohibiting the use by traffic on the routes described in Column 1 of Schedule 1 hereto.

The alternative route for each route described in Column 1 of Schedule 1 hereto is described in Column 2 of that Schedule.

The Order will come into operation on Monday 5 May 2008 and will be valid for a maximum period of 18 months or until the works have been completed, whichever is sooner. The works are scheduled to commence on or after Monday 5 May 2008 and are programmed for completion within an estimated period of six weeks.

**For further information, please contact Geoff Harrison-Mee,
Director for Kent Highway Services, on 08458 247 800 (local rate)
or visit www.kent.gov.uk/highways**



SCHEDULE 1

The affected routes (Column 1)	The alternative routes (Column 2)
C256 Tenderden Road, Cranbrook from Gofford Road to Cranbrook Road. When required 24 hours per day Sunday to Saturday.	Westbound traffic via C256 Gofford Road, C105 Goddards Green Road and C256 Cranbrook Road. Eastbound traffic vice versa.

Advance road works information boards will be placed prior to works commencing on site, giving details as to when works are scheduled to commence and expected duration.

Order will only be effective when appropriate signs are displayed.

THE KENT COUNTY COUNCIL (LANGTON ROAD, LANGTON GREEN, TUNBRIDGE WELLS) (ROAD CLOSURE) TEMPORARY ORDER 2008

NOTICE is hereby given that to allow highway work to take place the Kent County Council intends to make an Order prohibiting the use by traffic on Langton Road, Langton Green, Tunbridge Wells from its junction with Coach Road to its junction with Dordnen Drive on or after 22nd April 2008 for an estimated period of two days or for a period not exceeding 18 months.

The alternative route for the route described above, Westbound: Coach Road, Rusthall High Street, Long Meads, Dordnen Drive.

Eastbound: Dordnen Drive, Long Meads, Rusthall High Street, Rusthall Road.

Advance road works information boards will be placed prior to works commencing on site, giving details as to when works will start and be completed.

Works to take place between the hours of 22.00 – 05.00.

**For further
information,
please contact
Geoff
Harrison-Mee,
Director for
Kent Highway
Services,
on 08458
247 800
(local rate)
or visit
www.kent.gov.
uk/highways**

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CTS LOGISTICS LIMITED

Notice is hereby given, pursuant to Section 98 of the Insolvency Act 1986, that a meeting of creditors of the above-named Company will be held at KSA, 141 Parrock Street, Gravesend, Kent DA12 1EY, on 10 April 2008, at 11.00 am for the purposes mentioned in Sections 100 and 101 of the said Act. A list of names and addresses of the Company's creditors will be available for inspection free of charge at 141 Parrock Street, Gravesend, Kent DA12 1EY, on 8 and 9 April 2008, the two business days before the date of the meeting. Dated: 7 March 2008 By Order of the Board Adam Croucher, Director

TONBRIDGE AND MALLING BOROUGH COUNCIL (OFF-STREET PARKING PLACES) ORDER 2008

Tonbridge and Malling Borough Council in exercise of the powers conferred upon them by sections 32, 35, 124 and schedule 9 of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984 and of all other enabling powers and after all consultation hereby make the following Order:

1. The Tonbridge and Malling Borough Council (Off Street Parking Places) Order 2007 as amended.
2. The Interpretation Act 1978 shall apply for the interpretation of this Order as it applies for the interpretation of an Act of Parliament;
3. The Order shall come into operation on 31st March 2008 and may be cited as the Tonbridge & Malling (Off Street Parking Places) Order 2008.

A copy of the order may be inspected upon request at the Borough Council Offices at (1) Gibson Building, Gibson Drive, Kings Hill and (2) Tonbridge Castle, Castle Street, Tonbridge, or (3) on the Council's website at: www.tmbc.gov.uk. David Hughes Chief Executive 28th March 2008

The Insolvency Act 1986 AUTOSPRAY (KENT) LIMITED (In Creditors Voluntary Liquidation) Company No: 01828432

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that we, Bernard Hoffman and Ian Yerrill both of Gerald Edelman Business Recovery, Gateway House, Highpoint Business Village, Henwood, Ashford, Kent, TN24 8DG, were appointed Joint Liquidators of the above named Company by the Members and Creditors on 18th March 2008. B Hoffman and I Yerrill, Joint Liquidators

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GLOBAL DEFENCE SOLUTIONS LIMITED

(Company Number 05459674)

Notice is hereby given, pursuant to Section 98 of the Insolvency Act 1986, that a meeting of the creditors of the above-named Company will be held at Nexus House, 2 Cray Road, Sidcup, Kent DA14 5DB, on 15 April 2008, at 11.30 am for the purposes mentioned in Sections 100 and 101 of the said Act. Proxy forms to be used for the purposes of the above Meeting must be lodged, accompanied by statements of claim, at the registered office of the Company situated at Nexus House, 2 Cray Road, Sidcup, Kent DA14 5DB, not later than 12.00 noon on the business day prior to the date of the Meeting.

Notice is also hereby given, pursuant to Section 98(2a) of the Insolvency Act 1986, that Nedim Aliyev and Andrew Tate, of Abbott Fielding, Nexus House, 2 Cray Road, Sidcup, Kent DA14 5DB, are qualified to act as Insolvency Practitioners in relation to the above Company, and will furnish Creditors, free of charge, with such information concerning the Company's affairs as they may reasonably require. Dated: 25 March 2008 By Order of the Board Andrew Hodge, Chairman

LICENSING ACT 2003

NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR VARIATION OF A PREMISES LICENCE

Notice is hereby given that The Robin Hood (Kent) Ltd has applied to Tonbridge and Malling Borough Council for the variation of a Premises Licence in respect of premises known as The Robin Hood, 364 Common Road, Bluebell Hill, Chatham, Kent ME5 9RJ. The application seeks the licence in respect of the following:

- The sale by retail of alcohol
Extended hours on Christmas Eve & New Year's Eve (10.00-02.00)
- The provision of regulated entertainment
Indoor sporting events (Mon to Sun 10.00-00.00)
Live music (Mon to Sun 10.00-00.00)
Recorded music (Mon to Sun 10.00-00.00)
Performance of dance (Mon to Sun 10.00-00.00)
- The provision of late night refreshments
(Mon to Sun 23.00-01.00)
- Removal of the condition restricting children to certain areas

Details of the register of record of the application can be viewed at the Tonbridge and Malling Council Offices (Licensing Dept), Gibson Building, Gibson Drive, Kings Hill, West Malling, during normal office hours. Any representation from interested parties or responsible authorities must be made in writing to the council by 15th April 2008.

It is an offence knowingly or recklessly to make a false statement in connection with an application and the maximum fine for which a person is liable on summary conviction is a fine not exceeding £5,000.

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TO APPLY:

Zest

Email alan.young@thinkzest.com

JOB TITLE:

Mediabox and Youth Projects Co-ordinator Part-Time

LOCATION:

Folkestone

SALARY:

£18,000 - £22,000 Pro Rata depending on experience

COMPANY:

Screen South

TO APPLY:

Vanessa Cook

Screen South
Tel: 01303 259
Email
vanessa.cook@screensouth.org

CLOSING DATE

18 April 2008

JOB TITLE:

Online Editor

LOCATION:

Gravesend

SALARY:

£20,000 - £25,000

COMPANY:

AJP Publishing

This person must be able to work with a new vision, develop a new strategy, both long and short term. They must have considerable online editorial skills, covering all aspects of the modern day editor. Managerial experience would be good, as we expect the editorial team to expand quickly.

TO APPLY:

James Amies

AJP Publishing

Tel: 01474 359527
Email james@ajppublishing.co.uk

JOB TITLE:

PR Executive with creativity

LOCATION:

Chatham

SALARY:

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LOCATION:

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TO APPLY:

Ashford Borough Council

Tel: 01233 330660/01233 330403.
Email recruitment@ashford.gov.uk

CLOSING DATE

31st March 2008

JOB TITLE:

Secure Training Centre

Assistants

LOCATION:

Rochester

SALARY:

Days: £19,086 pa or Nights:

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pending)

COMPANY:

Rebound

TO APPLY:

Rebound

Tel: 01634 823322
Email
applications@jobsforkent.co.uk

CLOSING DATE

4th April 2008

JOB TITLE:

Technical Officer

LOCATION:

Sittingbourne

SALARY:

£17,559 - £21,957 (pay award

pending)

COMPANY:

Swale Borough Council

TO APPLY:

Philip Garland

Swale Borough Council
Tel: (01795) 417414
Email hr@swale.gov.uk

CLOSING DATE

31st March 2008

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JOB TITLE:

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Executives

LOCATION:

Gravesend

SALARY:

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COMPANY:

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TO APPLY:

James Amies

AJP Publishing
Tel: 01474 359527
Email james@ajppublishing.co.uk

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LOCATION:

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SALARY:

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LOCATION:

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COMPANY:

Roko Health Club

TO APPLY:

Roko Health Club

Tel: 01634 233348
Email
pkingston@gillingham.roko.co.uk

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Manager

LOCATION:

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COMPANY:

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TO APPLY:

Roko Health Club

Tel: 01634 233348
Email
pkingston@gillingham.roko.co.uk

JOB TITLE:

Regional Sales

Engineer

LOCATION:

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SALARY:

TBC

COMPANY:

Instro Precision Ltd

TO APPLY:

The Personnel Manager

Instro Precision Ltd
Tel: 01843 604455
Email kos@instro.com

JOB TITLE:

Sales Executive

LOCATION:

Margate

SALARY:

TBC

COMPANY:

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TO APPLY:

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JOB TITLE:

Sales Manager

LOCATION:

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TO APPLY:

Buckswood School

Email admin@buckswood.co.uk

JOB TITLE:

Sales Opportunity

LOCATION:

Maidstone

SALARY:

TBA

COMPANY:

H2O Bath and Spa Company

TO APPLY:

M. Powell

H2O Bath and Spa Company
Tel: 01622 759800
Email matt@thebathandspaco.co.uk

CLOSING DATE

31st March 2008

TRANSPORT,
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JOB TITLE:

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Price challenge met head-on by the new Epica

CHEVROLET'S impact on the UK market so far has been mainly via small rebadged and tweaked Korean hatchbacks.

But we saw the arrival of the useful Captiva 4x4 last year; it is still Korean built, but has something of Chevy's American aura about it and will be joined soon by another rather more establishment model from General Motors' (GM) value brand.

Called the Epica, it is a family saloon in the great tradition of cars like the famous 1960s Impala, though lacking the extravagant dog-leg windscreen and rear wings.

Basing production in Korea has also enabled Chevrolet to price it keenly – starting from just £13,595.

No wonder then that Chevrolet's UK and European sister brands Vauxhall and Opel will launch a more upmarket replacement for

By **STEVE LOADER**

the Vectra in October – the Insignia will leave the bargain basement end of the family model sector to the Epica.

The newcomer arrives on April 26 and offers a lot of car for the money.

At 4.8 metres-long it is larger than most family saloons, yet the start price could attract buyers from the smaller family hatchback or Ford Focus sector.

The Epica will also be laden with standard kit – even entry level LS models get air con, cruise control, electric front and rear windows, a CD-stereo with MP3 input socket, remote audio controls, front fog lamps, 16-inch alloys, electric mirrors and front, side and curtain airbags.

Engine options at launch will be a four-cylinder diesel and six-cylinder petrol, with auto

available on the former while the latter becomes the least expensive 'six-pot' on the UK market.

While nobody would say the car is a looker, it is a sign of GM's intention to develop Chevrolet's dominance of the value end of the North American market into a global position.

One of GM Europe's chiefs, sales and marketing vice-president Jonathan Browning, has already confirmed that projected Chevrolet volumes across Europe – helped by booming demand in the eastern half of the continent – could soon see the brand rival Vauxhall/Opel in size.

Again, this shows how crucial it is that Vauxhall edges upmarket with cars like the new Insignia and the next Astra, to leave the price-led end of the trade to Chevy.



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Volvo design a kick-start to C30 sales

VOLVO has gifted nearly £2,000 worth of extra kit to would-be C30 Coupé buyers by making the 1.6 R-Design Sport its new entry model and pricing it at £14,995 – just £250 more than the sparsely equipped 1.6 S that used to open the range.

R-Design also becomes the junior spec across all engine options – a further three petrol and three diesel units – and brings a striking body kit, rear spoiler and distinctive alloys plus eye-catching interior.

Volvo is offering zero per

cent finance over three years too, with a 30 per cent minimum deposit and 12 months' free insurance.

The C30 suffered a much delayed launch phase before finally appearing last spring, while pitching the car as a coupé with some hatchback versatility due to its upright tail and glass tailgate has also confused some buyers.

But the C30 drives well and the sporty R-Design treatment plus the bargain deals should give a much-deserved kick-start to sales.

Pathfinder goes seven-up

NISSAN has followed a familiar course by fitting seven seats as standard on all-new Pathfinders.

The Japanese marque is in good company after offering the Trek entry version of its butch 4x4 holdall with five or seven seats originally, only to find that most people want the extra pair anyway – VW had a similar experience with its Touran people carrier.

The Trek's extra pair used to be a £1,000 option, but Nissan says buyers effectively now pay just £500 extra – the seven-seat Trek costs £23,995.

The Pathfinder's third row also comes as two individual seats, which can be positioned up or folded down separately. As the second row of seats folds flat too, the Pathfinder can quickly convert to 'van' mode for bulkier loads.

Standard kit on the Trek includes 17-inch alloys, colour-coded bumpers, chrome grille, dual zone climate control, Bluetooth phone integration and six airbags.



C5's bright and beautiful

AFTER creating one of the ugliest ever Citroëns in the original C5, the French marque has played a blinder with its forthcoming replacement.

This Ford Mondeo class stunner is an Audi A4 in style at Citroën prices and, providing the quality is right, could be a winner.

Not only will the saloon catch the eye when it arrives in April, but the longer estate will be a looker too when it lands here in the summer.

Six engines are offered and, significantly, two suspension systems; Citroën's famous hydro-pneumatic suspension offers the proverbial magic carpet ride, but is not to everyone's taste and old suspicions about maintenance problems have taken time to die.

So, you can either have the latest cossetting 'Hydractive 3 Plus self-levelling suspension' with soft or sport modes, or a conventional metallic set-up for a more 'Teutonic' handling and ride package.

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by
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DREAM merchants from the world of kit cars are returning to the County Showground near Maidstone for the weekend of April 12-13.

The Detling site is hosting the 18th European Kit & Car Builder Show and also acting as a reminder that Kent is home to many significant manufacturers, being the 'home' event for Blaze Sportscars, Cranbrook Kitcars, GKD and Aeon Sportscars – all from the Maidstone area – as well as Hawk Cars of Frant.

And if Kent is a centre for kit cars then the UK is the major power; with more than 200 makers, the British kit car industry has more firms making the cars than the rest of the world combined and produces some 4,500 vehicles a year, either inspired by classics from the past or wholly new creations – usually at bargain prices.

Very best

More than 40 manufacturers will be at the show, along with 50 trade stands, 30 kit car clubs and around 400 privately-owned kit cars.

Kent-based organiser John Cooke said: "The two-day Detling car extravaganza will showcase the very best of the kit car world, including many established favourites and some superb newcomers."

He added that there is also free parking, catering, quad-bike rides, a children's fun-fair and a display by motorcycle stunt star Neil Porter.

The show is open from 10am-5pm both days. Prices: adults £9 and children 12 years and under £2.

Kit car drivers and their cars enter free.



Kit car show's dream cars at bargain prices

CLASSIC DREAM MACHINES:
The classy Sebring SX (right) is an Austin-Healey replica, while the Fisher (above) evokes the style of a real track racer



Ford says Tata to Jaguar in £1.15bn deal

ONE of India's flagship corporations has secured a global presence by buying upmarket British car brands Jaguar and Land Rover, writes **Steve Loader**.

Cash-strapped car giant Ford had been looking to off-load the British duo for some time, finally doing a deal this week with Tata for a modest £1.15 billion and linked to continuing supplies of engines and technology.

Tata is India's biggest motor manufacturer, with wider investments including Anglo-Dutch steel maker Corus and Tetley Tea, though relatively unknown to Western consumers – until now.

But it had been favourite to take over the two British marques for some time after Ford started a 'fire sale' of its Premier Automotive Group; Aston Martin was sold for £450 million last year and there is speculation that even profitable Volvo will be next to auction.

Cash raised from sales so far is less important to Ford than the losses saved though, even if Land Rover is newly profitable and Jaguar may soon be after the launch of the well-received XF saloon, replacing the S-Type and signaling a move away from retro styling that had failed spectacularly to rejuvenate sales.

Tata says it wants to grow both brands, but will not 'tinker' with them.

The reality is that despite recent losses, two such famous and historic brands gives Tata's car division a new credibility and prestige after being founded on bargain prices and volume.

The group recently made industry headlines with the Nano model for the Indian market, selling at around £1,250.

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VXR8

2007	57	VXR8 Sat Nav	6.0	4	Phantom Black	6,000	£32,995
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TIGRA

2007	07	Tigra Exclusiv Red	1.4	5	Metro blue	10,925	£11,995
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ASTRA

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STEVE LOADERCHIEF DRIVING CORRESPONDENT
steve.loader@kosmedia.co.uk**Mazda2**

THERE is not much scope for standout styling when the supermini design brief tends to be 'seat five people within compact dimensions'.

So it is refreshing to lay eyes on the Mazda2 and even more so when you find that it drives as well as it looks.

But then Mazda learned the hard way that supermini buyers do want some style and panache as well as practicality – the original Mazda2 drove well enough but erred too much towards load-lugging MPV-styling to be a big seller.

Style

Mazda hopes for much more this time around and, in truth, the low-slung, light-weight and aerodynamic new '2' better suits the brand's 'Zoom-Zoom' image and aspirations to be Japan's equivalent of Italy's Alfa Romeo.

And times are changing; witness the style cult built by retro stars like the BMW MINI and the new Fiat 500 – buyers may need to downsize, but they still want image.

For the moment, the Mazda2 offers this in five-door form only, though the forthcoming three-door promises to be even racier looking.

Mazda2 MkII stands



The slinky lines are not let down by the drive either; a slick gearbox and some lively engines mated with a neat and tidy chassis, balancing good grip and steering with a decent

ride, makes the '2' one of those rare cars that you can enjoy without masses of power.

This bodes well for an almost obligatory hot model later on to wear the wide stripes with

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But it underlines the appeal of even our TS entry model. In its lower state of tune – 74bhp instead of 85bhp – the 1.3 petrol engine still

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responds in a lively way though, having driven all but the 1.4 diesel engine, I would urge you to go for the extra power of the 85bhp TS2 model (£9,999) without going the whole way to the 102bhp 1.5-litre petrol Sport (£11,799).

The 1.5 is lively alright but does not bring much more to the party for two grand more than our favourite.

Diesel models start at £9,499 and Mazda has stressed its intention to go after fleet/company car sales, though more and more private buyers are looking at small diesel models.

Apart from attractive prices for a thor-

oughly modern supermini that stands out from the crowd, the Mazda is also well-equipped as standard: electric front windows, driver seat height adjustment, MP3 compatible CD radio with auxiliary jack and electric door mirrors.

But the more powerful TS2 not only brings more zip, but 15-inch alloys, side and curtain airbags, electric folding door mirrors, four-speaker sound system, steering wheel-mounted audio controls, leather steering wheel and gear knob and air con.

The Mazda2 interior is spacious and airy due to a relatively long wheelbase and low window

line, while the dashboard is stylish and well-arranged too with the high-mounted gearshift falling nicely to hand for a sporty drive.

The seats are also comfortable for this class, but I think Mazda has cut corners with the quality and feel of cabin materials.

Extra interior space and style may also have been bought at the expense of the boot; 250 litres being behind the 285-ish benchmark set by three top-selling rivals, the Ford Fiesta, Vauxhall Corsa and Renault Clio.



DrivingStats

- Mazda2 1.3 TS £8,499
- Model range: from test car-£11,799
- Garage stats: 3.89m by 1.70m five-door hatchback
- Powertrain: 1,349cc/74bhp four-cylinder petrol unit driving front wheels through a five-speed manual gearbox
- Performance: top speed 104mph and 0-60mph in 14 seconds
- How green?: category-C and CO2 emissions/129g per km
- Official fuel figures: combined 52.3mpg
- Fuel tank: 42.8 litres/9.4 gallons
- Insurance group: 3
- Warranty: three years/60,000 miles
- Website: www.mazda.co.uk
- Others to consider: Chevrolet Kalos, Citroen C3, Daihatsu Sirion, Fiat Punto, Ford Fiesta, Honda Jazz, Hyundai Getz, Kia Rio, Mitsubishi Colt, Nissan Micra, Perodua Myvi, Peugeot 206 or 207, Renault Clio or Clio Campus, Seat Ibiza, Skoda Fabia, Suzuki Swift or Splash, Toyota Yaris, Vauxhall Corsa or new Agila and VW Polo.

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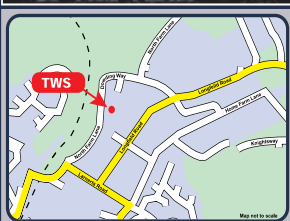
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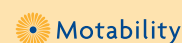
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X	OCTAVIA CLASSIC 1.9 SDI 68BHP 5DR HATCH	98164	CANDY WHITE	£3,490.00
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Government targeting wrong area of drinks industry, says Neame



ANGRY: Chief exec Jonathan Neame

CHANCELLOR Alistair Darling will be getting an angry co-ordinated backlash from the nation's brewers incensed by what they see as a cop-out in his Budget over the industry's problem issues.

Jonathan Neame, chief executive of the nation's oldest brewery, Faversham-based Shepherd Neame, said meetings were being set up and although there was as yet no single unified plan, a number of measures were being considered.

Fresh from the company being named Regional Brewer of the Year – for the second time in six years – at the pub industry's annual awards, he said: "I think the brewers, wine-makers and spirits companies are so angry with the Chancellor."

Mr Neame, who is now predicting a £4 pint in five years' time, added: "He has made what we regard as a cheap and shallow political gesture. Everyone is galvanised by this. Having had a very open, and we felt co-operative, debate about this, everyone's attitude has now hardened."

"There are certainly meetings being set up, but although we have not yet got a single, unified plan a whole host of measures are being considered. We need to take this to a wider audience including our customers."

In an exclusive interview with KOS Media,

EXCLUSIVE

By TONY PATEY

he added: "There has been some bemusement about this and we are all astonished and thoroughly disappointed over the Government's policy in the Budget."

"Our case to Government, which I helped prepare, was that if you want to use targeted measures look at what young people are drinking these days – not beer, but vodka and cider – and then look at the relatively lower taxation on them. We would say this is a material contributor to the issues."

"We will be paying £4 a pint in five years' time. The Government is putting up alcohol duties at the rate of two per cent above inflation every year for five years. We believe this will massively accelerate the problem of binge drinking and it will drive a significant number of pubs nationally to the wall."

"Is this what people want? Why are hard-working people wanting to have a social time being penalised? I just think the Government has got it wrong."

He added: "It is astonishing and disappointing that the Government tries to annihilate one of the things that should be a growth sector for the country."

The regional pub award, to add to the brew-

ery's growing collection, was presented to Mr Neame by comedians Alan Carr and Justin Lee Collins at a London ceremony. The event was organised by trade newspaper The Publican.

The brewery can list a host of eco-friendly measures that have been brought in, from state-of-the-art equipment in the brew house to being the first in the country to buy drays which are already eco-compliant to 2012 standards.

He said its five per cent ABV Asahi lager – originating from Japan – which has been brewed here since 2005, is now being sold in UK cities, opening up a new market. One in five Sheps pubs sell it and a national sales team is being set up ready for a wider launch.

M&B pub merger proposal still on ice

CITY observers are still waiting to see what happens over the merger proposal pulled up by the UK's biggest pub group Punch Taverns, which has 28 pubs in Kent, for rival chain Mitchells & Butlers, which has 30 outlets in the county, including Harvesters, Vintage Inns, pubs and Shorne's Pub and Carvery.

The all-share offer which appeared on the menu two months ago is still on the table and would see M&B shareholders end up owning a half of the enlarged company and

also getting a cash sweetener of £175 million.

The merger would create a pub giant worth billions, with more than 10,500 outlets.

Meantime, M&B has announced chairman Roger Carr will be standing down after the end of a strategic review at the end of May.

He will be succeeded by Drummond Hall, the former senior independent non-executive director who has meantime been appointed deputy chairman.

Mr Hall has been a non-executive director

(in other words not involved with the day-to-day executive duties of the firm) since 2004 and senior independent director since February 2007. He was chief executive of Dairy Crest plc from 2002 until 2006.

M&B said it would consider the proposals put forward by Punch, along with others.

There is still speculation Iranian-born multi-millionaire Robert Tchenguiz, M&B's largest shareholder with a 23 per cent stake, may also launch a bid.

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From one goal to another for top chef Andy

ONE of the toughest jobs in business is being a chef – and being a top chef takes hard work and dedication way beyond the usual call of duty.

Working in a hot kitchen, jostling with colleagues carrying very sharp knives, getting preparation done in time and cooking to schedule is an art and a science.

Andrew Wilson, who has just landed one of the top chef jobs in the county, has come through the hard way, and like fellow chef Gordon Ramsay, who was once a professional footballer, he learnt to be competitive on the pitch in his youth.

Between the ages of 13 and 14, Mr Wilson trialled for Portsmouth and Exeter City, but his dreams of football stardom never materialised.

He said: "I played my best and did well, but a lot of good players slip through the net and I guess I was one of them. I went on to play at county level for the next two years."

Although he loved football, by the time he

By GILL FERRY

was 16 his top priority was becoming an award-winning chef.

He says: "My older brother was a chef in the Royal Navy at that time and I suppose you're always influenced by your older siblings."

"My mum was also a keen cook and I started helping out in the kitchen."

"I was soon hooked and by the time I was 17 I'd got my first job as a commis chef at the Sea Cow Restaurant in Weymouth."

"Because of my dad's naval career I changed schools five times at senior level which obviously had an impact on my education, but I was always good at practical things like cooking."

Between 1995 and 2005, Mr Wilson entered no less than 10 national or regional competitions, reaching the finals or semi-finals in almost every one.

In fact, he is now hoping to soon reach the regional finals of The Roux Scholarship which is being judged by such culinary heavyweights as Brian Turner and Gary Rhodes.

He says: "I always said that I wanted to be head chef of my own kitchen by the time I was 30, and I've just done it, at the age of 29."

Knightsbridge

He has become the new head chef at Greggs Restaurant in Sevenoaks High Street, where he oversees junior sous chef James Stewart and Marcus Wilcox, the demi chef de partie.

"It's a tough job," says Mr Wilson, whose favourite meal is sausage, mash and onion gravy.

Greggs Restaurant, which is run by Gavin Gregg, has two AA Rosettes and wants to aim higher.

Mr Wilson said: "It's hard to find a chef who has worked at Michelin level and I think Gavin was impressed that I'd recently spent 18 months working alongside Eric Chavot, the executive head chef at The Capital Hotel in Knightsbridge, which has two Michelin Stars."

"Working at Michelin level certainly gives you an edge. The work is very intense and will always stand you in good stead. You start at 7am and work straight through to 11.30pm, with only 30 minutes break during the day. Then it's straight home for five hours sleep before starting all over again."

BUSINESS BRIEFS

Building society does what it says on the tin

SAVERS often ask if instant access really does mean 'instant'.

Yorkshire Building Society says it's a question "posed by many savers lured in by seemingly high rates offered on some internet accounts".

It says with its internet saver account savers get 5.75 per cent, and a Link cash card so that money can be accessed for free 24/7.

Also the society, which has branches at Canterbury, Chatham and Bexleyheath, says savers can access all their savings accounts online after a simple registration process.

DED makes its point with expansion plan

LYDD'S highly successful and expanding DED, one of the nation's biggest electronic point-of-sale equipment makers and also supplier of printed plastic cards, kiosks and panels, is concentrating its operations on one dedicated site.

Last October, it bought the whole of the Harden Road Industrial Estate – seven units plus enough land for eight more – and started using two units.

Now the other five units are ready for occupation and work is due to start on four new units so staff can move in at the end of this year. Project manager Alex Davis said the space was desperately needed for a move from its current Mill Road site because of expanding business.

Workshops clear up employment laws

SOUTH East law firm Furley Page – in association with Kent Invicta Chamber – is presenting another three of its successful interactive workshops aimed at giving employers a thorough understanding of today's employment law.

Andrew Masters, partner and head of employment, said: "Our experience suggests the current economic downturn has increased the potential risk to employers who are not familiar or compliant with employment law."

Workshops, at the Marriott Tudor Park Hotel and Country Club, Maidstone and are on April 10, May 1 and May 22. Costs, which include breakfast and VAT, are £50 to Kent Invicta Chamber members and £65 to non-members.

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This 'tail' has happy ending

DAVID and Goliath stories often hit the headlines – but this one is definitely the underdog slaying the giant, in the form of a rescue dogs and cats home and the HM Revenue and Customs.

In the legal case of Gables Farm Dogs and Cats Home versus HMRC, the charity was originally told it would have to pay VAT on all the pets it had managed to rehome by selling them to new owners.

The pet charity, based in Plymouth, invoked the common law principle of 'finders keepers'

on the grounds the animals they had rescued were goods donated for sale. They also found a case dating back to 1722 which gives rights of possession to a finder of a stray animal.

The VAT tribunal examined the word 'donate', which derives from the Latin 'donare', which means 'to give' and found in the charity's favour, ruling the person who found the stray could 'donate' it to the charity.

If the animal could not be returned to its original owner, the charity could then zero-rate the sale to new owners.

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Journalism centre will be benchmark

By **TONY PATEY**

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WHAT a scoop! The University of Kent's new centre for journalism is set to lead the field in journalism training and provide a benchmark for other universities, according to the National Council for the Training of Journalists (NCTJ).

The council has given full accreditation to the centre's degree programme – the first time a course has been fully accredited by the industry body before any students have joined.

The decision to accredit the course follows a visit to the centre for journalism by members of an NCTJ panel last month.

The panel's report stated: "The University of Kent's centre for journalism says it aspires to set a new standard in the training of tomorrow's journalists. Panel members agreed that the course has the potential to lead the field of undergraduate degree courses."

"All panel members agreed that this is a fantastic course in development with huge potential. It is a first-degree level course that could really work and provide a benchmark for others running journalism degree courses to aspire to."

The centre's first course, a BA Honours

**LEADING LIGHT: Prof Tim Luckhurst, 44**

degree in journalism and the news industry, will enrol its first students in September.

They will be taught from a fully-equipped multimedia newsroom on the award-winning Medway campus.

Tim Luckhurst, professor of journalism, said: "At this challenging time for British journalism, the industry looks more than ever before to the NCTJ to uphold training standards. We are delighted that an organisation of such standing is impressed by our plans. We look forward to living up to the panel's expectations as we train the stars of

journalism's future.

"Excellent multimedia reporting, capable of winning the attention of the internet generation, is essential to the future of democracy, tolerance and prosperity. The centre for journalism will teach the highest standards of accuracy and professional ethics."

The centre for journalism's staff are all working journalists. Professor Luckhurst is a former BBC and Scotsman editor who writes and broadcasts in Britain and abroad.

Senior staff include former Press Gazette editor Ian Reeves and Daily Telegraph columnist Sarah Lonsdale.

Work experience will also play a big part in the course. All students are guaranteed a placement and will be expected to take additional placements on national newspapers, magazines and in broadcast and online newsrooms.

Professor Luckhurst added: "The degree is a balanced mix of vocational training and the high-level academic skills that are common in successful journalists."

The NCTJ report also states: "Convergent journalism skills are at the heart of the curriculum and the practical aspects of the course are based firmly on the reality of real-world reporting and NCTJ requirements."

"The staff members, under the inspired leadership of Tim Luckhurst, are excellent practitioners who will be able to motivate students to practice high standards of journalism."

BUSINESS BRIEFS

Change in day counting rule could prove costly

KENT commuters to the rest of Europe need to watch out departure and entry days – from April 6 these will be counted as days in the UK for tax purposes.

Baker Tilly, the accountancy, tax and business adviser, warns that individuals will be regarded as present in the UK on any day in which they are in the country, no matter for how short a time.

Paul Hodge, Tunbridge Wells tax partner, said: "For individuals commuting to and from Europe on a weekly basis, the change in the day counting rule could prove expensive if it changes their UK tax status."

Cheap activities website is gem of an idea

GILLINGHAM students, Jade Emerson and Lucie Dalton, recently claimed a runner-up prize at the Ideas Igloo Roadshow Final with their affordablethings2do.com – an online, searchable database of cheap, local activities aimed at 8-18 years olds.

Judges were impressed by the students' mix of innovative thinking and the potential for the website to become a real, marketable business venture.

The New Brompton College students won a package of Microsoft products to help them get their business idea underway. The roadshow was organised by Make Your Mark, in partnership with Microsoft UK.

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Exclusive mag launch is So Tunbridge Wells

A NEW monthly lifestyle magazine, aimed at the higher end of the market, has been launched in Tunbridge Wells with an exclusive cover story featuring the town's richest roads list.

"It's a bit like the Rich List, but rather than focus on people it looks at the best addresses," explained Nick Moore, managing director of So Tunbridge Wells

which has gone on sale at retail outlets such as WH Smith and Sainsbury's supermarket.

"To the best of our knowledge this is the first time all the facts, figures and opinions have been brought together in one list."

He said that So Tunbridge Wells (SoTW) had ranked the top 40 addresses in the four most exclusive post codes where their read-

ers lived: TN1, TN2, TN3, TN4.

Topping the list are Calverley Park, Camden Park, Hunger-shall Park and Nevill Park, where the average price of a home is around £2.5 million.

Some 20,000 copies of the 100-page glossy, which has a cover price of £2.75 will be distributed through newsagents, retailers, by hand and through subscription to

targeted postcodes within a five mile radius of the town centre.

"We want to cater for discerning Tunbridge Wellians and ensure there are articles that will appeal to both men and women," said editor Richard Moore FRSA, an award-winning journalist who was named last year by PR Week as "one of the most powerful" figures in the UK PR industry.

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**AWARD WINNERS:** Sittingbourne-based Mercedes-Benz dealer Sparshatts of Kent

Car dealer drives away a winner

SITTINGBOURNE-based Mercedes-Benz dealer Sparshatts of Kent has beaten a host of challengers to carry off a top award from Merc.

At the 'blue riband' Mercedes-Benz Dealer of the Year Awards held in Germany, the company, which also has branches in Ashford, Dartford, Rainham and Tunbridge Wells, saw off 21 challengers to take the coveted After Sales Dealer of the Year title for 2007.

Sparshatts was also a runner-up in the competitions for overall Mercedes-Benz Commercial Vehicle Dealer of the Year and for CharterWay Dealer of the Year – CharterWay is the in-house truck and van finance arm of Mercedes-Benz parent Daimler AG.

Earlier, at the manufacturer's Everyday Heroes Business Awards for after-sales staff, the firm won the Service Dealer Team of the Year prize, while its group after-sales manager Tony Thrower won the 'Managing for Profit & Customer Satisfaction' Manager of the Year trophy.

Not that the company's parts and service teams have had all the glory to themselves – its truck sales specialists returned to Kent from the annual Mercedes-Benz Truck Sales Masters motivation and reward programme awards in Scotland, laden with silverware.

They landed the Top Truck Sales Team trophy for the third year running, while Keith Baker won the Top Truck Sales Master award for Britain's best individual Mercedes-Benz truck sales specialist, and Kevin Haynes was one of two runners-up.

Both won places on a fantastic seven-night holiday to South Africa and Mauritius, a reward from the manufacturer for their outstanding performances last year – as did truck sales manager Paul Rooney and fellow sales executives Martin Kemsley and John Nicholls.

Only 16 places were available on the holiday and the fact that the firm secured five of the precious berths represents a tremendous achievement.

It's important to have a plan for promotion

WISE up and get clear objectives if you want promotion, that's the advice from a major recruitment firm.

Laurence Kirk, from recruitment experts Manpower, which has a number of branches in Kent, says: "The key to getting a promotion is planning; you need to know exactly where you are and where you want to be. Demonstrate you have clear goals with clear objectives and timings in place to prove a promotion is achievable."

"Don't expect to get there too quickly; your timescale must be realistic and your goals credible. The worst thing you can do is over promise, your line manager will see through this and your promotion may be overlooked."

Noticed

The firm gives some useful tips about some office politics – a promotion isn't just about putting in the hours and working hard.

You need to ensure that your efforts and achievements are noticed by your team – banging your own drum but subtly – and you should also be able to demonstrate that you can deal with more responsibility and tasks that are above and beyond your current job description.

Promotion will only be obtained if you can prove you are capable of the next step.

It is easy to get bogged down in daily tasks and take your eyes off your promotion. Manpower offers five top tips to make sure you get noticed:

- **Plan** – make sure you have clear and achievable objectives
- **Work smartly** – don't just put in lots of extra hours, use your time strategically and in the right areas. This will show you have an understanding of where you fit within the company and give you an advantage over the next person
- **Teamwork** – make sure you maintain good relationships with colleagues even those who are not part of your direct team. You never know when you may need their help

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- **Stand out** – demonstrate you can do the next level job already by taking on additional tasks that are not in your current job description
 - **Don't give up** – if you don't get promoted straight away, keep working towards your objectives and continue to prove your abilities.
- And doing the dinner circuit is still a way of getting on, old-fashioned as it may seem. Giving up free time and weekends entertaining bosses may not be everyone's cup of tea, but in some occupations, such as the media, it still works.



BUSINESS BRIEFS

Regeneration plan could scoop award

ASHFORD'S Stanhope PFI – private finance initiative – project has been shortlisted for a coveted award.

The £200 million agreement between Ashford Borough Council and the Chrysalis Consortium to regenerate the Stanhope housing estate has been shortlisted in the Best Community Involvement Category of the annual Public Private Finance Awards. The awards celebrate outstanding achievement in partnerships between the public and private sector.

The project has been shortlisted for its engagement of residents, with 85 of the 323 council-owned homes refurbished and construction underway on four of the ten development sites.

The awards ceremony will take place at London's Grosvenor House Hotel on 29 April.

New shop is a gift to Kings Hill residents

KINGS Hill residents and workers are getting even more choice for their shopping.

A new shop, Kardz, has just opened in Liberty Square selling handmade cards, glassware and a range of gifts. Its owner is Victoria Calcott who moved to Kings Hill with her parents a year ago.

Caroline Binns, associate director, marketing and leasing, of Kings Hill developer Liberty Property Trust UK Ltd said that the shop is just what Liberty Square needs. She said: "It is great to see specialist shops opening at Kings Hill, offering unusual goods and providing a personal service."

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Centre celebrates 50 years of innovative business solutions

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ERITH-based Thames Innovation Centre has reached the half a century – over the last year it has helped launch over 50 new businesses.

Businesses that include hi-tech plumbers, pre-natal scanning technology, IT development, training services, a hip hop record company and even a company that has developed an eco-toilet have benefited from the centre's various training courses and the expert advice and support.

"It's been an exciting year," said Lesley Rubenstein, chief executive. "It's been very rewarding to have helped people turn their ideas and aspirations into tangible businesses."

"Many of these start-ups are now growing and developing into impressive companies and taking on staff and moving into bigger offices within the centre."

In addition to modern and stylish starter-units for smaller companies, the centre offers broad business support programmes that include help with access to finance, marketing support, bookkeeping courses, sales training, taxation courses and courses on employment law.

Support

One recent company that has set up office at the Thames Innovation Centre is Concept, a recruitment company that specialises in the recruitment of expert telecommunication and data communication engineers.

Ahead of forecasts and growing, Concept has welcomed the business support that it has received and has ambitious plans for the future.

"We chose the Thames Innovation Centre because we felt it had a 'wow factor'," said Lee Durrant, a director of Concept.

"When you walk in, the Atrium is really impressive and the whole place looks and feels modern and stylish."

"Our office has a rather grand fully glazed wall overlooking the Atrium from

the first floor and has quite a creative vibe. "For us, this is important because we often need to entertain clients and we wanted a location that reflects our aspiration to deliver a very professional and high quality service."

He added: "Our expertise in actually how to grow a business has been limited. But we have developed a great deal of essential business skills through attending the various courses and presentations and through counselling with the business support team."

"In fact, as a business mentor, Lesley Rubenstein is excellent and we really value this level of support for our company."

For anyone in the Bexley region thinking of starting a business, the centre is able to provide a broad range of business support services and training courses.

Office and workshop space is available on generous terms and it also boasts conference facilities, impressive IT facilities, meeting rooms and a cafe.

"It's very early days for the centre and Veridion Park, but it's good to see that it is already starting to deliver on its promise to contribute to the regeneration of the Thames Gateway area," said Ms Rubenstein.

"We feel very passionate about helping



STARTING OUT: (left to right) Lee Durrant and Greg Tatton of Concept, with Richard Edwards, operations officer at the Thames Innovation Centre

people get started in business and helping them grow and develop their ideas. In this respect, we feel that we are making an

important difference and remain excited to see what new businesses we can contribute to, during 2008."

Loan scheme for first-time buyers

KENT'S first-time homebuyers are getting a big lifeline from Tower Homes, one of South London's largest low-cost home ownership providers.

It has been chosen by the Housing Corporation to provide a new flexible equity loan scheme designed to help households on a range of incomes onto the property ladder.

The firm will be offering MyChoice-HomeBuy to home buyers in South East and South West London. The innovative new scheme is to replace replacing existing open market HomeBuy products, which have been withdrawn.

Under the scheme, first-time buyers will

take out a regular mortgage from any participating bank or building society to buy a percentage of the purchase price.

Eligible homebuyers will then receive an equity share from the scheme to cover the remainder of the purchase price. This can be as much as 50 per cent of the total property value, or as little as 15 per cent.

It is designed for potential homebuyers with a household income ranging from £17,600 to £58,600.

A small fee of 1.75 per cent is payable on the equity bought with the scheme for the first year.

Annual increases on this fee are capped at RPI plus one per cent to ensure the

monthly costs of owning a home bought with the scheme are predictable and affordable.

After the first year, homebuyers can choose to buy part or all the remaining equity on their property, as soon as it is financially viable for them to do so.

The Government has prioritised the following groups for assistance under the scheme:

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- Local residents prioritised on local authority housing waiting lists
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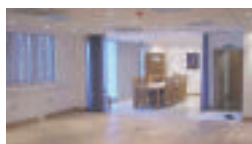
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Engineering the future

TOBY Crayden started on his career path as a trainee on the government's Youth Training Scheme in the mid-80s. He went on to work at Southern Water Authority, Sterling Homes, Kent County Council, Boreham Consulting Engineers and Countryside Properties. He joined MLM consulting engineers in 2004, and is a director.

His specific fields of competence are design and detailing of alignments for proposed adoptable roads and improvement works to public highways, together with private hard-standings and soft landscaped areas and design and detailing of proposed private and adoptable drainage.

Q What vision, circumstance or event led you into a career in engineering?

A I started off in a Government Youth Training Scheme (YTS), which led to a placement at Southern Water and my career stepping stone into civil engineering.

After more than eight years with KCC's Highways Department, I moved to an engineering consultancy in Essex, which taught me the commercial side of civil engineering.

When MLM Consulting Engineers asked me to start and set up its first Ashford office, the temptation was too great and I joined the MLM Group in 2004. A Kent man born and bred, I was delighted to move back to the county and lead on some exciting local projects.

Q Which local projects have you been involved with?

A Projects such as the Stanhope Regeneration in Ashford. The Stanhope Estate is being given a massive facelift and we're proud to be a part of an excellent team of other local companies such as Denne Construction, Breheny Civil Engineering, Gleeson Homes and Richard Daniel Associates Architects.

One of our engineers lives on the Stanhope Estate and it is just five minutes down the road from our new offices in Ashford, so it gives us a strong sense of connection with that project.

Other schemes which have brought particular satisfaction include the Eclipse Park development in Maidstone where Gallagher

QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

Toby Crayden is a shining example of how someone can launch into a top-class career from a Government-sponsored scheme. He started his working life on a Youth Training Scheme (YTS) and he hasn't looked back. His quiver of professional qualifications includes: graduate member of the Institution of Civil Engineers, Fellow of Faculty of Building (FFB) and associate member of The Chartered Institute of Building



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Q What does the MLM Group do?

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across six offices, of which Ashford is the newest. We have a strong South East regional presence and the group also works nationwide.

We have developed a great reputation for our expertise in building and infrastructure schemes, together with pre-planning, sustainable development, transportation and brown-field regeneration projects. Alongside some inspirational architects, we have recently been successful in bridge design competitions and have gradually developed a reputation for our imaginative and proactive approach.

Q What do you like about your job?

A The breadth of clients we are working with means there are always new design and engineering projects, whether it be a complex structural design or high-quality regeneration scheme. It's great to be able to apply creative thinking and bring a fresh

approach to a project. Always having something of interest going on in the company is great and speaks volumes about our clients.

I feel really proud of what we have achieved over the last four years in Kent, and look forward to further growth of the business in future years.

Q What about the future?

A The future is looking great for the MLM Group and we are well positioned for the future markets, whatever they may bring.

We have firmly established ourselves in Kent with good quality clients and a varied and interesting workload. The recent move into a brand new office on Eureka Park, Ashford, has started off 2008 in cracking form and there is a real sense of achievement and excitement among the team. It's going to be a good year.

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A KENT-linked team of sales pros from leading construction equipment hire firm Hewden was recently recognised with a prestigious award in a ceremony held at the Hyde Park's Royal Lancaster Hotel.

The South East team, which includes depots at Belvedere, Ashford and Dartford, was named Sales Team of the Year – in the under 50 employees category – at the British Excellence in Sales and Marketing Awards (BESMA), regarded as the benchmark for sales and marketing achievement in the UK.

The event was organised by the

Institute of Sales and Marketing Management.

Simon Clothier, general manager for the Hewden South East region, said: "This is a fantastic achievement by the team as they were benchmarked against some stiff competition including blue chip firms such as NatWest and the Royal Liver Group. This is a just reward for a hard-working team."

The team increased its regional hire revenue by 30 per cent in 2007 against the previous year and worked closely with contractors on key South East developments including Heathrow Terminal 5.

IN RESPONSE to a growing demand for its services, Clydesdale Bank has strengthened its Thames Gateway team with the appointment of Gavin Coleman as a business partner.

Joining Clydesdale Bank, with more than a decade's experience in the banking sector working for HSBC and most recently Barclays, Mr Coleman, 33, has a track record of working with Kent companies with a turnover of between £1 million and £50m a year.

Paul Saunders, managing partner of Clydesdale Bank's Maidstone financial centre, said: "Mr Coleman brings a wealth of experience and understanding of the region's business community to compliment the 31-strong team of partners and associates across the county."



JOHN Burton, senior partner at leading Canterbury architect and historic building consultants, Purcell Miller Tritton, has given the two-yearly presentation of The Bridge Lecture Series for The Worshipful Company of Engineers and City University London.

Drawing on his experience as surveyor to the fabric of Westminster Abbey and Canterbury Cathedral, John gave a talk on The Engineering Challenge of the Gothic Cathedrals, recently held at the Oliver Thompson Lecture Theatre at City University London.

From both a theological and structural perspective, John discussed the engineering challenges of the Gothic cathedrals from the developments and function of the simple Romanesque vault through to the Gothic period of architecture.

Mr Burton, in his role as surveyor to the fabric, has advised the Dean and Chapter of Canterbury on the care of Canterbury Cathedral since 1990. He has since added to his responsibility, the role of surveyor to the fabric of Westminster Abbey, advising the Dean and Chapter of the Royal Peculiar on the care of their collegiate church, where eminent predecessors in that role include Sir Christopher Wren and Sir Robert Hooke.

Banks' lending is on the waneBy **LIZ RULE**Pharon Independent
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MORTGAGES, particularly for first-time buyers, have become more difficult to obtain as a result of the current credit crunch.

Figures show that the rate of mortgage approvals, already at their lowest level for more than 10 years, has fallen further.

A total of £24 billion was advanced by lenders during February. That is seven per cent down on January and six per cent lower than the same period last year, according to the Council of Mortgage Lenders.

Despite house prices cooling, mortgages are less attainable because banks can no longer access cheap funding. Lenders are being forced to restrict their loans, leaving first-time buyers priced out of the market, particularly as some of the high loan-to-value products such as 100 and 125 per cent mortgages are now not around.

Many lenders are finding it difficult to offer mainstream mortgages at higher than 90 per cent loan-to-value and are charging premium fees where they can.

Lenders say this will continue until the Bank of England introduces measures to increase liquidity in the market. Some commentators are warning that as mortgage lenders in Britain tighten their lending criteria as they are doing now, house prices here are likely to follow US ones downward and could even fall more sharply.

Levels of consumer spending in Britain have typically been related to property inflation more so than it was in the States and so this is why many experts think that the economy in general could suffer due to the knock-on effect as the housing market drops.

It seems the days have gone where many went out and had the confidence to buy a new sofa, holiday or car, because they felt their general wealth was increasing due to their house price.

For many, the need over the coming months is to focus on budgeting, both short and long-term and anticipating what will happen when any fixed rates come to an end.

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PERFECT START: Tim Reeves and Patrick Farrance started the season in the best possible way Picture: MARK WALTERS

Sidecar duo off to a flyer

TWO race wins and a new lap record marked a perfect return to racing for sidecar champion Tim Reeves in the opening round of the season at Donnington Park.

Riding a newly-built bike, Reeves and passenger Patrick Farrance cruised to pole position in a rain affected qualifying session, with a lap that shaved 3.5 seconds off the lap record.

Heavy snow threatened the cancellation of Sunday's race action, but the track was cleared in time.

Despite slipping to fourth position after the first corner on the opening lap, Reeves slowly began to turn the screw and by the chequered flag the Ashford rider had built a 12-second lead.

The second race followed a similar pattern, with Reeves dropping from lead after the first corner. His wet weather driving prowess shined through and he sprinted home to another win.

A delighted Reeves said: "This is a perfect start to the season for us. The new bike goes like a rocket, I have lost a bit of weight and feel really fit, and Patrick is on mint form."

"The track was a bit slippery and I couldn't turn into the corners. Every time we tried to turn left the front just washed out."

Reeves and Farrance will look to extend their lead at the top of the British Championship standings when the series moves to Norfolk's Snetterton circuit on April 13.

Dani's drive for safety

Golfer in call for improved tour security



CONCERN: Dani Masters says free transfers from airports should be set up for female golfers Picture: TRISTAN JONES/LET

DANI Masters has called for improved security for women golfers travelling abroad, after revealing the sport's stars are sometimes left to find their own way from airports to venues.

Earlier in her career, Masters was robbed and abandoned in the middle of the night by a taxi driver in Florida, something she feels would have been preventable with improved security.

She told Kent on Sunday: "It would be nice to have some more sponsors to help fund the tour to make it healthier so we don't have to cut corners. One of the things is the girls' safety, transfers from the airport are not always guaranteed."

"You have 18-year-old girls travelling on their own, sometimes late at night and sometimes they don't know where they're going. I have had a bad experience in the States and I just think, will it take something to happen until [organisers] realise it has to be included in the cost of running a tournament?"

Trainer

A spokeswoman for the Ladies European Tour (LET) disputed the claims, saying they provided adequate shuttles for the players at all their events.

Although the Ladies European Tour began with two events in Australia last month, the core of the season starts in earnest with the first European events in April.

Masters has high hopes for her third full season on tour and the 25-year-old believes she needs to adopt a mean streak if she is to take her game to the next level and win a first tour title this season.

She said: "I [used to] plod along, play okay and if people are playing well around me I say 'great shot, that's really good'. I think you can be over-nice and I got excited for them when I should be thinking about beating them. I have got to get a bit more of a killer instinct."

"I have got it in me to play great golf but it's

By **DAVID PRITCHARD**

about playing it week in, week out. It's about grinding out those weeks you find tough, that comes from experience and mentally I need to become more focused."

"I get excited on the course because I love playing golf but I need to calm myself down and say 'right let's get the job done and laugh about it afterwards'."

Masters hired a physical trainer during the winter and has worked hard in the gym to get in the best possible shape for the start of the season. She feels better prepared than ever before and is looking to continue improving on tour.

Last season, she finished runner-up in an event for the first time and ended just outside the top 40 on the tour's Order of Merit.

If Masters can post a tournament win early in the season, it would put her in a good position to qualify for the biggest events later in the year. An added incentive is the chance to accumulate points towards the 2009 Solheim Cup, the female equivalent of the Ryder Cup, which remains a big ambition.

Another long-term target is to play on the more lucrative LPGA Tour in North America, but for the moment she is happy to stay with the LET.

"The tour is growing, it's so exciting to be a part of that because we are getting more interest all the time," she said. "It needs to grow and get more publicity so the more players that stay for longer the better."

"I would like to say I would stay for a few more years then go to the States but you never know, if I have an absolutely blinding year it would be silly for me to waste the opportunity to go over there."

Masters' season gets underway at the Open de Espana Femenino near Valencia on April 17.

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Staff laps up track in race for Beijing

TRACK cyclist Jamie Staff believes a place at the Beijing Olympics is his after securing a silver medal in the World Track Cycling Championships at Manchester this week.

The Ashford rider shocked both himself and the home crowd by setting a personal best lap of 17.2 seconds as Great Britain's trio were beaten to the gold medal in the Team Sprint by favourites France, by half a second.

Olympic champion Chris Hoy, Ross Edgar and Staff cruised through the heats to book a place in the final against the reigning champions France. Staff, who has never won an Olympic medal, believes that

come Beijing, Great Britain can topple France.

Staff told Kent on Sunday: "The silver medal was a huge boost for me especially setting a personal best."

"However, we have got to work on our starts a lot more if we are to try and catch up and beat France. In a way it is good that we know how far we have to go to be on the level of France come the Olympics."

"I think I have pretty much guaranteed my spot in the Olympics team after the 17.2 lap I posted."

"Not being over confident, but I think the other riders have got to step up to the plate to knock me off my perch."



BEST TIME: Jamie Staff

Brands set for Touring Car opener

MOTORSPORT fans will flock to Brands Hatch this weekend as the circuit hosts the opening round of the British Touring Car Championship.

This year sees Britain's most popular race series enter its 50th season. The championship began back in 1958 with barely modified road cars doing battle.

Jack Sears claimed the first title driving a Riley Elf which is vastly different to reigning champion Fabrizio Giovanardi's 300bhp Vauxhall Vectra racer.

The Italian, who has won seven touring car titles in his distinguished racing career, is a fan of the Indy circuit and is looking forward to getting the season underway.

He said: "The circuit is very different to the tracks I have driven on in the past. With the modern circuits, they are modifying everything and are very wide."

"At Brands, it is very narrow and like the classic tracks. It can be very difficult to overtake and it is one of those tracks where the driver's skill can really make the dif-



NEW SEASON: British Touring Car Championships kicks off at Brands Hatch

ference. In the British championship there is a lot of contact compared to a series on the continent. You have to be clever here and use all your experience."

The title contenders fighting for this year's crown include Giovanardi's Vauxhall team mate and two-

time champion Matt Neal, BMW driver Mat Jackson and Seat veteran Jason Plato will also be in with a shout.

Wrotham-based team, Motorbase Performance, will field a two car entry in the form of former champion Rob Collard and Stephen Kane.

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F1 teams need to get a grip

MCLAREN test driver Gary Paffett believes the lack of traction control could be crucial in deciding the outcome of the Formula One title this year, **writes Tom Howard.**

With two races of the 2008 season completed, it appears abolishing electronics that control the stability of the cars is already having an impact. In the last five years the cars, which reach speeds in excess of 200mph, have been aided by traction control.

The electronic system calibrates how much power is needed for each wheel to stop the car losing control, if a driver exerts force on the throttle. This electronic aid makes the car easier to drive and without it driver skill is severely tested.

Pile-up

In just two grand prix, there have already been examples that have caught out even the best drivers. Only six cars out of a field of 22 finished the opening round of the championship, as drivers found the new cars difficult to drive.

It was also present in the open-



LOSING CONTROL: Felipe Massa spins out in his Ferrari and (left) McLaren test driver Gary Paffett

ing corner, as Felipe Massa lost control after he tapped Heikki Kovalainen's car, causing a pile-up. Even the world champion Kimi Raikkonen was caught out, when he put a wheel on the grass and lost control while in pursuit of the top three.

Paffett, 29, from Bromley, thinks fans will see a more exciting championship this year.

He told Kent on Sunday: "I think the performance levels of the individual teams will be similar without traction control. However, the racing in my opin-

ion will be a lot more exciting. The cars are going to be difficult to control, especially as the tyres get older and lose grip. Starts will be more interesting, certainly as it will be harder to get the car off the line without the electronics."

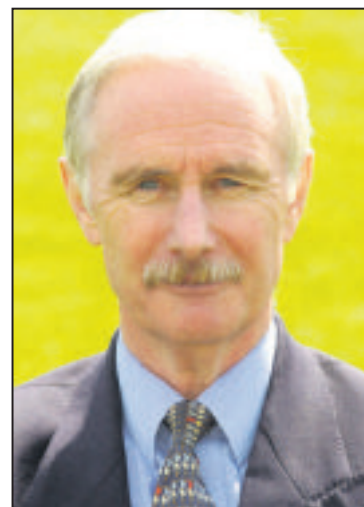
With the new electronic changes for 2008, Paffett feels the title will still be decided between McLaren and Ferrari.

He said: "Both the McLaren drivers and possibly the two Ferrari drivers will be the two teams to beat and are the

strongest in my opinion. Lewis (Hamilton) will also want some payback after last year and I think he has all the qualities in which to do it. Heikki is also looking very strong, but Kimi will want to defend the title too.

"McLaren's chances are good. Last year we perhaps should have won both the Drivers' and the Constructors' titles and it was a shame not to. We are looking very strong again."

The Formula One circus moves to Bahrain next weekend for the third round of the championship.



APPEAL: Kent's Paul Millman is waiting to hear from the ECB

Kent in wait over Kemp registration

KENT chief executive Paul Millman admits the county have "no idea" when they will hear whether their appeal to register all-rounder Justin Kemp is successful, **writes Glenn Pearson.**

The South African's registration was declined by the England and Wales Cricket Board (ECB) because of his involvement in the rebel Indian Cricket League (ICL), but Millman told Kent on Sunday last week that the county would be appealing the decision.

Kent maintain that Kemp signed a deal with them before the ECB took its stance on 'unauthorised events' and therefore should be allowed to play.

The waters have been muddied further this week, after Mushtaq Ahmed was cleared to play for Sussex and Rana Naved-ul-Hasan was allowed to join Yorkshire, despite the fact they had played in the same Indian tournament as Kemp.

It could mean a situation where some players involved in the ICL are allowed to play in county cricket and others are not.

Unauthorised

As it stands, Kent have two players who took part in the 'unauthorised event' in Kemp and Azhar Mahmood, but the club have only received a successful registration for Mahmood because he played in England last year. Court action could be on the horizon, but for now Kent have sent off their appeal and are waiting to hear back from the ECB.

Millman told Kent on Sunday: "I can confirm we have submitted representations to the ECB and they were done on Wednesday, but I have no idea when we will hear from them."

"We have also made it clear that Justin is prepared to travel to London to talk to the cricket authorities if needed."

The effect of the multi-million pound Indian Premier League – a direct rival of the ICL, but a tournament sanctioned by the International Cricket Council – is being felt around the world.

Kent supporters' chances of seeing some of New Zealand's Test stars at Canterbury this summer took a blow as five star players are to miss the game to play in the Indian Premier League.

Black Caps skipper Daniel Vettori, wicketkeeper Brendon McCullum, big-hitting all-rounder Jacob Oram, batsmen Ross Taylor and seam bowler Kyle Mills will all miss the game against Kent on April 28 to fulfil their commitment to the Indian tournament.

Millman added: "The ripple effect of these events are not just being felt by Justin Kemp, they are felt across the whole of cricket."

"It is disappointing for us that five New Zealand Test stars will miss the first four match of the season. It is being held that the IPL will not affect the international cricket calendar, but clearly it is."

Picture: ADY KERRY



'We can't get caught up in supporters' expectations'

Kent director of cricket, Graham Ford, talks to PETER BILLS about the club's hopes for the fast-approaching county season

GRAHAM Ford expects the pressure for silverware at Kent this season to be as strong as ever following last year's Twenty20 cup-winning campaign.

Kent's director of cricket is determined Kent will improve all aspects of their game in search of more silverware following last season's triumph. He is fully aware hunger for a County Championship title goes deep at Canterbury, but warns the squad cannot afford to be thinking like that.

He said: "There is always that pressure here. But it is more about us looking to improve in every area of our game, rather than setting out with one specific target in mind."

"We cannot afford to worry too much about the external pressures, we just need to make sure every area of our game is better than before. We can't get caught up in the fans' expectations."

Ford has targeted teamwork as a vital ingredient in what Kent's players seek to achieve in 2008. "Teamwork is the key to it, and it always is," he adds. "It's about supporting and helping each other and I do think that this part of our game has developed very nicely over the years."

"The lads work well together as a unit and that showed up last year big time in the Twenty20, but also in the Championship near the end of the season when we fought our way out of trouble. This is a real team."

"We have some wonderful cricketers and a wonderful group of guys."

"So rather than saying at this stage that we fancy ourselves to finish in this position in this particular competition or that position in another form of the game, we are working on forging closer ties and strengthening even further our teamwork."

Adventures

"You see it time and again: the sides with the strongest teamwork and team ethic end up being the most successful."

To taste success, however, Kent know they have to start the season with a bang. The County Championship programme kicks off against Nottinghamshire at Canterbury on April 16 and it is essential they make a winning start.

Ford adds: "You have to remember that English county cricket seasons are adventures. I've come to realise that, and it is part of the territory. You are going to get some hiccups."

The county has received good news that key fast bowler Amjad Khan will be back

and firing on all cylinders for the start of the new season.

Ford revealed Khan looked "in great shape" at the county's pre-season training camp in Portugal, and he promised: "He will certainly play, and he has come on amazingly well. He should be ready from the start. The only question is how much work load we give him straightaway. It's very early days."

The fiasco involving Justin Kemp's registration at the county is still yet to be resolved after the England and Wales Cricket Board declined his application because he had played in the rebel Indian Cricket League (ICL).

Ford said Kemp would have walked away from the Indian cricket commitment with the ICL if it had been made known that there was a danger to his contract with Kent. But he is still hopeful of a positive outcome.

He said: "World cricket is moving so fast that you have to stay calm and focused about these things. These are the sort of challenges that will come at you. It is frustrating but you have to keep going, and you can't just throw the toys out of the cot."



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SCALLY: BULLIES WON'T BEAT ME

Defiant Gills chairman vows to remain at club until worthy successor is found

By **DAVID PRITCHARD**

UNDER-FIRE Gillingham chairman Paul Scally insists he would leave the club tomorrow if there was someone better who could take over the club.

As the team have slipped ever nearer to relegation, a section of fans have turned on Scally to end his 13-year association with Gillingham.

The criticism reached its peak earlier this month when they lost 3-0 to rivals Crewe, with several fans throwing rocks at his car after the game.

Scally admitted there have been times this season when he considered walking away.

He told Kent on Sunday: "Yes of course I have, but the next day you wake up and go again. After the Crewe game and the events around it, it was very difficult but you meet so many people who are supporting you."

"I won't be bullied by anyone. I have got a job to do here and until it is done or someone else comes in who can do it better, I will be here. If somebody walked in tomorrow and they could do it better I would go."

Measures

Rumours had suggested with the club adrift in the relegation zone, Scally would take the club into administration to clear debts.

League rules impose a 10-point penalty on clubs going into the emergency measures. The deadline for accepting the punishment this season passed on Thursday, but the Gills chief made it clear it had never been considered.

He said: "Rubbish is not a strong enough word, it is pathetic and words fail me. With the internet now, any imbecile can start a rumour - it is baseless and has no foundation."

"It has never been in our thought process. The bank do not restructure a £10 million debt if you are about to go into administration."

Despite the threat of returning to the fourth tier of English football for the first time since 1996, he has been very vocal in backing manager Mark Stimson in recent weeks.

After manager Ronnie Jepson left Gills in September, Scally waited for two months to find the right successor. Regardless of the club's perilous position in the table, he intends for Stimson to see out his three-and-a-half-year deal.

Scally said: "I believe in him, you don't employ someone for three years and then get rid of them after six months. His job is safe,



I BELIEVE IN STIM: Paul Scally is standing by manager Mark Stimson, despite the club's run of form which has seen the Gills dragged into the relegation dogfight Picture: PHIL HOUGHTON

there's no question about it. If we were in the Ryman League he would be the manager.

"It's been a disappointing season but I didn't anticipate some of the problems we have had behind the scenes."

"Considering what has happened, Mark has done a tremendous job. It doesn't surprise me we have had a difficult run but I understand why and it's not Mark's fault."

One of the main problems since Stimson took over in November has been a split between the manager and a group of senior players.

Steve Lomas, David Graham and Craig Armstrong had their contracts terminated by mutual consent in January.

Discontent has continued and Stimson said it was highly unlikely four players who missed vital training sessions a fortnight ago would play for the club again.

The Gills boss argued it was their unwillingness to work hard, even before he took over, which has led to the problems.

He said: "If you don't do anything in close season and in pre-season don't work hard, then the games become harder and the results don't happen. Unfortunately that's why Ronnie left the club, because results

weren't good. I took over and I could see straight away, physically, that the team weren't in shape."

"When I come into the building and ask players who have been used to training two hours a day to then go and do more, certain players, especially senior ones, will think 'I'm not doing that - who does this guy think he is, what have we got to do that for?'"

"The reason is you have got one manager the sack, you're not going to get me the sack and if you don't like it I'm not going to have you around."

"Unfortunately, we have had to make more changes than I would have liked, but that's because the players haven't got to grips with what I want."

Stimson intends to get his squad in much better physical condition for the start of next season.

The players will receive a letter on Wednesday explaining they will be expected to report back for training at the end of May, four weeks after the end of the season.

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